

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Unbalanced Exchange of State Water Project Table A Water between Palmdale Water District and Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #19036)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) at Reaches 9 through 13B of the California Aqueduct and Palmdale Water District's (PWD) turnout(s) at Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct.

Location – County: Los Angeles and Kern Counties

Description of Activity: Under the proposed water exchange, DWR will deliver up to 15,000 acre-feet of PWD's approved 2019 SWP Table A water (2019 Table A Water) to KCWA by December 31, 2019. In exchange, KCWA will return to PWD, based on an unbalance exchange ratio of 2:1, up to 7,500 acre-feet of its future approved SWP Table A water. That is, for every 2 acre-feet of PWD's 2019 Table A Water delivered to KCWA, 1 acre-foot will be returned by KCWA to PWD by December 31, 2029.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: PWD (lead agency), KCWA, and DWR (responsible agency)


Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reason why activity is exempt:

- a. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
- d. The project is entirely within the SWP place of use.

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