

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**From:** Department of Water Resources  
State Water Project Analysis Office  
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**Project Title:** Change in Point of Delivery of Palmdale Water District's 2019 State Water Project Table A Water (SWPAO #19040)

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to the Upper Amargosa Creek Turnout located at approximately Milepost 342.73 in Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct

**Location – County:** Los Angeles County

**Description of Activity:** The Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) will deliver up to 500 acre-feet of Palmdale Water District's (PWD) approved 2019 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to the Upper Amargosa Creek Turnout located at approximately Milepost 342.73 in Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct. PWD's 2019 SWP Table A water will be delivered into an adjudicated groundwater basin in the Antelope Valley region (Adjudicated Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin) for later recover using PWD's own existing wells for use in its service area. The delivery of PWD's approved 2019 SWP Table A water to Upper Amargosa Creek Turnout shall be completed by December 31, 2019.

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

**Exempt Status:**

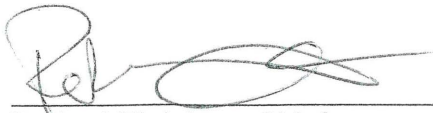
- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

**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 not expected to have any significant effects on the environment.

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