

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To: Office of Planning & Research
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From: Mojave Water Agency
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To: San Bernardino County Clerk
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Project Title: State Water Exchange Between the Mojave Water Agency and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Location -- Specific: Mojave Water Agency (MWA) is a State Water Project contractor located in San Bernardino County. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC) is a State Water Project contractor serving most of Southern California and headquartered in Los Angeles, California. The State Water Project includes facilities located throughout the State of California. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is headquartered in Sacramento, California. Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) receives State Water Project from MWDSC through the Municipal Water District of Southern California (MWDOC) and is located in Orange County, California. IRWD owns the Strand Ranch Integrated Banking Project (Strand Ranch) located in Kern County. IRWD, MWDSC and MWDOC have executed a Coordinated Operating and Exchange Agreement that allows IRWD to secure State Water Project on MWDSC's behalf for the joint benefit of MWDSC and IRWD. The Strand Ranch Integrated Banking Project is operated by Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage (RRB) which has an annual state water project Table A amount through State Water Project contractor Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) also located in Kern County.

Location -- County: San Bernardino County and Kern County

Description of Activity: MWA agrees to instruct DWR to deliver to MWDSC, at a time and place to be determined by DWR and agreed by MWDSC and KCWA, a total of up to twenty-thousand (20,000) acre feet of MWA's 2020 Table A water. Either KCWA will deliver the water on MWDSC's behalf to RRB for storage directly in the Strand Ranch or into storage in other existing water banking or exchange programs (including Kern Water Bank) in which IRWD is a participant in Kern County with a subsequent transfer to the Strand Ranch. MWA may request MWDSC to instruct DWR to return deliver an amount equivalent to one-quarter of its portion (25% of the total storage amount) of the stored water back to MWA in any year that MWA requires the supplies. Stored water would be delivered to MWA through direct recovery from the Strand Ranch and/or exchange. The remaining 75% of banked water after proportional and applicable losses shall be transferred to MWDSC for mutual use of MWDSC and IRWD. MWA's request for delivery by exchange shall take place prior to the end of the tenth calendar year subsequent to the recharge of water.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Mojave Water Agency (Lead Agency), Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Responsible Agency), Kern County Water Agency (Responsible Agency) and the California Department of Water Resources (Approving Agency)

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RE: *Filing of Notice of Exemption*
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of a Notice of Exemption filed by Mojave Water Agency as lead agency for the:

Project Title: State Water Exchange Between the Mojave Water Agency and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Please receive stamp one copy and return in the envelope provided.

Thank you. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

BRUNICK, McELHANEY & KENNEDY PLC



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