

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**From:** Department of Water Resource  
State Water Project Analysis Office  
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**Project Title:** Unbalanced Water Exchange of Approved State Water Project Table A Water between Mojave Water Agency and Dudley Ridge Water District (SWPAO #20006)

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to: 1) Dudley Ridge Water District’s (DRWD) turnout(s) in Reach 8D, and 2) Mojave Water Agency’s (MWA) turnout(s) in Reach 22B of the California Aqueduct.

**Location – County:** San Bernardino and Kings Counties

**Description of Activity:** Under the proposed water exchange, up to 6,761 acre-feet of MWA’s approved 2020 SWP Table A water (MWA’s 2020 Table A Water) will be delivered to DRWD by December 31, 2020. In exchange, DRWD will return to MWA, based on an unbalanced exchange ratio of 4 to 1, up to 1,690 acre-feet of its approved 2021-2030 SWP Table A water (DRWD’s Future Table A Water). That is, for every 4 acre-feet of MWA’s 2020 Table A Water delivered to DRWD, 1 acre-foot will be returned by DRWD to MWA by December 31, 2030.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** MWA (lead agency), DRWD, The Department of Water Resources of the State of California (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.

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