NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Amendment to the Agreement among the Department of Water Resources, Coachella Valley Water District, and Kern County Water Agency for a Change in Point of Delivery for State Water Project Water and Conveyance of Non-Project Water (SWPAO #12023-A)

Location - Specific: From Reach 12E to Reach 26A of the California Aqueduct

Location – County: Riverside and Kern Counties

Description of Activity: This Amendment (SWPAO #12023-A) amends the "Multi-Year Agreement Among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Coachella Valley Water District and Kern County Water Agency for a Change in Point of Delivery for State Water Project Water and Conveyance of Non-Project Water (SWPAO #12023)."

The original Agreement (SWPAO #12023), dated July 30, 2013, sets forth the terms and provisions for the conveyance of up to 16,500 acre-feet per year of Non-Project Water to Coachella Valley Water District through December 31, 2035. This Non-Project Water was originally purchased by Glorious Land Company (GLC) from Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (RRBWSD), a member unit of Kern County Water Agency (KCWA), in 2005 for a new residential and multi-use development project located in Shavers Valley in Riverside County (GLC/RRBWSD Agreement). However, due to construction delays and GLC's inability to receive this water, CVWD and GLC entered into an assignment agreement in July 2012 under which GLC assigned its rights and obligations for the water acquired under GLC/RRBWSD Agreement to CVWD (Assigned Water). CVWD is to provide a water supply to GLC's Shavers Valley project once it is constructed.

Because CVWD doesn't have a physical connection to the SWP, the delivery of Assigned Water to CVWD, under SWPAO #12023, is delivered to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC) using the following mechanisms:

- 1) KCWA, on behalf of RRBWSD, may retain a portion of CVWD's Assigned Water in exchange for a like amount of KCWA's approved SWP Table A water delivered by DWR to the MWDSC's turnout at Reach 26; and/or
- 2) KCWA, on behalf of RRBWSD, may pump in and introduce CVWD's Assigned Water into Reach 12E of the California Aqueduct for delivery by DWR to MWDSC's turnout at Reach 26.

In exchange for receiving CVWD's Assigned Water, MWDSC will give an equal amount of its Colorado River water to CVWD under existing 1983 and 2003 exchange agreements between CVWD and MWDSC.

SWPAO #12023-A amends SWPAO #12023 by increasing the amount of Assigned Water that DWR will deliver to CVWD per year from 16,500 acre-feet to 20,000 acre-feet. Annual delivery of

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20,000 acre-feet is within the scope of environmental analysis in the Mitigation Negative Declaration completed in 2003 by RRBWSD as the lead agency for the RRBWSD/GLC Water Banking Project (SCH# 2003091083), and is also within the scope of environmental analysis in the January 2012 Final Subsequent Program Environmental Impact Report for the Coachella Valley Water Management Plan 2010 Update, certified by the Coachella Valley Water District as the lead agency (SCH No. 2007091099). The total amount delivered to CVWD from RRBWSD during the term of the agreement remains the same at 252,500 AF delivered by September 30, 2035.

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