

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812

(Address)

Project Title: Temporary Water Application T033146

Project Applicant: Aliso Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Chowchilla Bypass and agricultural lands within Aliso Water District's place of use

Project Location - City: Mendota

Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Aliso Water District requests a temporary permit to divert up to 10,000 acre-feet of water from the Chowchilla Bypass between 1/1/2021 and 5/29/2021 at a maximum rate of 100 cubic feet per second. Diverted water would be stored in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin and later extracted for irrigation use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Aliso Water District

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with the suspension of CEQA in the Governor's Executive Order B-39-17. Please see attachment for more information.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shelby Witherby

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-323-4642

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Amanda Montgomery Date: January 20, 2021 Title: Program Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Attachment to NOE form for Temporary Permit issued to the Aliso Water District

Governor Edmund G. Brown's April 6, 2017 Executive Order B-39-17 concluded that strict compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) would prevent, hinder or delay the mitigation of the effects of significant precipitation. Item 3 of the April 2017 executive order suspends CEQA, and the regulations adopted pursuant to it, to the extent that CEQA would otherwise apply to actions taken by state agencies in furtherance of the executive order, including the actions described in item 14 of the executive order. Item 14 requires the State Water Board to prioritize temporary water right permits to accelerate approvals for projects that enhance the ability of a local or state agency to capture high runoff events for local storage or recharge, consistent with water rights priorities and protections for fish and wildlife. This temporary permit will enhance the ability of the Aliso Water District to capture high runoff events for underground storage and groundwater recharge, consistent with water rights priorities and protections for fish and wildlife. Water stored underground under the permit will be used for Irrigation Use within the service area of the Aliso Water District. Accordingly, CEQA is suspended to the extent that it would otherwise apply to this temporary permit.