## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812 From: Department of Water Resource State Water Project Analysis Office 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, California 95814

**Project Title:** Transfer of 5,000 Acre-Feet of Mojave Water Agency's Article 56 Carryover Water to County of Kings (SWPAO #21025).

Location – Specific: From Delta to County of Kings' turnouts located on the California Aqueduct.

#### Location – County: Kings County

**Description of Activity:** The project is for the transfer of 5,000 acre-feet of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) Article 56 Carryover Water, stored in the San Luis Reservoir, to County of Kings. The delivery of MWA's transferred Article 56 Carryover Water to County of Kings will be completed by December 31, 2021.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** MWA, DWR (responsible agency), and County of Kings

#### **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. State Water Project long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including for transfers of Article 56 Carryover Water between SWP Contractors.
- b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.
- c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed change in points of delivery.
- d. There will be no change in land use.

## Responsible Agency Contact Person: Patrick Luzuriaga Telephone: 916-653-9593

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