NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812 From: Department of Water Resources Division of Operations and Maintenance 1416 9th Street Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: Unbalanced Water Exchange of Approved State Water Project Table A Water between Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) and Oak Flat Water District (OFWD). (SWPAO #21033)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to OFWD's turnout(s) located on Reach 2A of the California Aqueduct and Valley Water's turnout(s) located on Reach 9 of the South Bay Aqueduct

Location -- County: Santa Clara and Stanislaus Counties

Description of Activity: Under the proposed water exchange, up to 200 acre-feet of Valley Water's approved 2021 State Water Project Table A water will be delivered to OFWD through December 31, 2021. In exchange, OFWD will return up to 300 acre-feet, based on an unbalanced exchange ratio of 2 to 3 of its future approved State Water Project Table A water to Valley Water by December 31, 2025.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Valley Water, OFWD, and DWR

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 proposed 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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