

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** Office of Planning & Research  
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**From:** Mojave Water Agency  
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**To:** County of San Bernardino Clerk  
Clerk of the Board  
385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

**Project Title:** Transfer of State Water Project Water from Mojave Water Agency to Four Member Units of the Kern County Water Agency.

**Location -- Specific:** Mojave Water Agency (“MWA”) is a State Water Project (“SWP”) contractor located in San Bernardino County. The Kern County Water Agency (“KCWA”) is a SWP contractor located in Kern County. The California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) is headquartered in Sacramento, California. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California.

**Location -- County:** San Bernardino and Kern Counties.

**Description of Activity:** MWA and KCWA are SWP Contractors that receive imported water deliveries from the SWP; each has a water supply contract with DWR for water from the SWP. Given the 2022 SWP allocation of only 5%, four member units of KCWA (Belridge Water Storage District [“BWSD”], Berrenda Mesa Water District [“BMWD”], Lost Hills Water District [“LHWD”], and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District [“WRMWS D”]) are anticipating the need of additional surface water in 2022 to meet their projected demands. MWA has a portion of its State Water Project water available for transfer to the four member units of KCWA in 2022. Under this agreement, MWA will make available 1,000 AF of its SWP water for transfer to the four member units of KCWA in 2022. Water will be delivered using existing SWP facilities, and in a manner similar to other deliveries from the SWP.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** The agreement for the Water Transfer will be signed by MWA, KCWA, BWSD, BMWD, LHWD, and WRMWS D and is subject to approval by DWR.

**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.** CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) (Use of Existing Facilities).
- Statutory Exemption.**

**Reasons why activity is exempt:** Because all of the water made available for transfer to the four member units of KCWA from MWA pursuant to this Water Transfer will be delivered through existing facilities, without the construction of additional facilities to effect such

deliveries, the transfer of water described herein constitutes a project that is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301(b) (Use of Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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