NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Planning and Research	From:	Department of Water Resources	
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Project Title	Temporary Additional Point of Delivery of Palmdale Water District's State Water Project Water Supplies to Littlerock Creek Irrigation District's Turnout for Storage and Future Recovery from the Adjudicated Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin (SWP #24015)			
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Littlerock Creek Irrigation District's (Littlerock's) turnout at Reach 21 of the California Aqueduct.			
Location- County	Los Angeles County			
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #24015 provides for a temporary additional point of delivery of up to 5,000 acre-feet of Palmdale Water District's (Palmdale's) State Water Project (SWP) water supplies to Littlerock's turnout located in Reach 21 of the California Aqueduct during 2024. This turnout directly feeds into an adjudicated groundwater basin in the Antelope Valley region, where Palmdale can store its SWP water supplies for later recovery for use in its service area.			
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	Palmdale (lead agency), Littlerock, and DWR (responsible agency)			
Exempt Status	 ☐ Ministerial ☐ Declared Emergency ☐ Emergency Project ☑ Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities ☐ Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729 			
Reasons why activity is exempt	 a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use. 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 delivery. d. There will be no change in land use. 			
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