

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation Attn: State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, California 95814	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, California 94236-0001
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Project Title	Temporary Additional Point of Delivery of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's State Water Project Water Supplies to Palmdale Water District's Turnout (SWP #26001)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Palmdale Water District's (Palmdale's) turnout at Milepost 346.98 on Reach 20B of the State Water Project's (SWP) California Aqueduct.
Location- County	Los Angeles County
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #26001 provides for a temporary additional point of delivery of up to 5,000 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) SWP water supplies to Palmdale's turnout at Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct through December 31, 2026. Such water will be treated and delivered by Palmdale to AVEK, subject to system losses, for use in AVEK's service area.
Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying out Activity	Palmdale (local agency), AVEK (local agency), and DWR (state 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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