

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| 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 | Agreement to Extend Recovery Term of SWP # 19031, the Change in Point of Delivery Agreement Among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Santa Barbara), Kern County Water Agency, and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and An Exchange of Santa Barbara's SWP Table A Water and Metropolitan's Future Approved SWP Table A Water (SWP #19031-A) |
| Location- Specific | From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) along Reach 12E of the California Aqueduct, and Metropolitan's turnout(s) along Reaches 26A, 28H, 28J and 30 of the California Aqueduct. |
| Location- County | Los Angeles and Kern Counties |
| Description of Activity | The Agreement, SWP #19031-A, extends the term for the recovery of Metropolitan's Stored Water from Irvine Ranch Water District's Water Bank located in Kern County from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2030. |
| Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity | Metropolitan (local agency), KCWA (local agency), and DWR (state agency) |
| Exempt Status | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729 |
| Reasons why activity is exempt | <p>a. SWP long-term water supply contracts allow temporary storage of SWP water by SWP contractors in groundwater banking facilities subject to certain conditions.</p> <p>b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery, storage and recovery of water.</p> <p>c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery, storage and recovery of water.</p> <p>d. There will be no change in land use.</p> |
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