

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation Attn: State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, California 95814	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, California 94236-0001
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<b>Project Title</b>	Transfer of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Banked State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency on behalf of Semitropic Water Storage District (SWP #26005)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	Groundwater storage underlying Semitropic Water Storage District (Semitropic)
<b>Location- County</b>	Kern County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	SWP Agreement #26005 provides for a transfer of 20,000 acre-feet of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (Metropolitan's) banked State Water Project (SWP) Table A Water in Semitropic to Kern County Water Agency (KCWA), on behalf of Semitropic, by June 30, 2026.
<b>Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Metropolitan (local agency), KCWA (local agency), DWR (state agency)
<b>Exempt Status</b>	<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
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors. 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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