

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation ☒ State Clearinghouse P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: (Public Agency) Name: Desert Water Agency Address: P.O. Box 1710 Palm Springs, CA 92263 Telephone: (760) 323-4971
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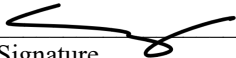
1. Project Title:	Adoption of the 2025 Coachella Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan and 2025 Desert Water Agency Water Shortage Contingency Plan
2. Project Applicant (include address, telephone number and email address):	Within Desert Water Agency's jurisdictional service area
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	Within Desert Water Agency's jurisdictional service area
4. (a) Project Location – City: Within Desert Water Agency's jurisdictional service area	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Desert Water Agency (DWA) is required to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years. The UWMPs for the 2025 reporting cycle are due to be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2026. This UWMP describes anticipated urban water demands and supplies for the next 25 years, as well as programs to promote efficient water use. It also describes the programs that are in place to encourage efficient water use. DWA's Board of Directors will consider adopting the 2025 Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP) and the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) at a public hearing. The public hearing will be held to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input to the 2025 RUWMP and 2025 WSCP before it is adopted. Notice of the public hearing was provided in accordance with applicable provisions of the California Water Code and Government Code, including publication for two successive weeks in a local newspaper within the DWA service area. In an effort to improve coordination and create a unified approach for water management throughout the region, the six water agencies in the Coachella Valley worked together to develop a Regional Urban Water Management

	Plan (RUWMP). Six agencies in the Coachella Valley worked together to develop the 2025 RUWMP. In addition to DWA, these agencies included: • Coachella Valley Water District • Coachella Water Authority • City of Indio • Mission Springs Water District • Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Desert Water Agency
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), Coachella Water Authority (CWA), City of Indio, Desert Water Agency (DWA), Mission Springs Water District (MSWD), and Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company (MDMWC)
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☐ Not a project.	(State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15050(c)(2)-(3), 15378)
(c) ☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(e) ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☒ Other. Explanation:	(State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption); Water Code Section 10652
9. Reason why project was exempt:	State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) states an activity is covered by the common sense exemption where CEQA applies only to a project which has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The discretionary action of adopting the 2025 Coachella Valley RUWMP and the 2025 WSCP is a project; however, the adoption of the plans would not pose the possibility of a significant effect on the environment. The Board of Directors finds and determines that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Water Code Section 10652 because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of an urban water management plan or to the implementation of the actions taken pursuant to such plans. Because this resolution comprises DWA's adoption of the 2025 RUWMP and 2025 WSCP, no CEQA review is required. Preparation and adoption of the WSCP is required as part of the specified content of UWMPs (Water Code Section 10632). Part 2.6. Urban Water Management Planning (Section 10652) states the California Environmental Quality Act

	(Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) does not apply to the preparation and adoption of plans pursuant to this part or to the implementation of actions taken pursuant to Section 10632. Nothing in this part shall be interpreted as exempting from the California Environmental Quality Act any project that would significantly affect water supplies for fish and wildlife, or any project for implementation of the plan, other than projects implementing Section 10632, or any project for expanded or additional water supplies. As an exempt project, no further environmental review is required, and a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the County Clerk.
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10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Esther M. Saenz, General Manager (760) 323-4971
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing.	
12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, the date of the public hearing was: June 2, 2026	

Date:


Signature

Name: **Esther M. Saenz**

Title: **General Manager**

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

(Clerk Stamp Here)

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.