

Notice of Exemption

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To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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From: Placer County Water Agency
P.O. Box 6570
Auburn, CA 95604
(Public Agency and Address)

☒ County Clerk, County of: Placer

Project Title: 2026 Temporary Water Purchase Agreement with Westlands Water District

Project Location - Specific: Placer, Eldorado, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Alameda, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno and Kings

Project Location - City: See Counties above Project Location - County: See Counties above

Description of Project: Placer County Water Agency proposes a temporary one-year transfer of 20,000 acre-feet of surplus water to Westlands Water District for the remainder of 2026. The transfer water will be made through releases of water from its Middle Fork Project reservoirs. No new infrastructure will be constructed. Water transferred will be used for agricultural purposes, augmenting Westlands Water District's low allocation from the Central Valley Project water supply contract.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County Water Agency

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(a)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemption. State code number: 15282 (u) & Water Code § 1725 et seq.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA as it is a temporary change in the place of use due to a transfer of water as set forth in Section 1729 of the Water Code (§ 15282(u)).

Lead Agency Area Code/
Contact Person: Darin Reintjes, Director of Resource Management Telephone/Extension: 530-823-4850

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature:  Date: 6/8/26 Title: Environmental Scientist
Heather Trejo

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

☐ Signed by Applicant