Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: 2023-2026 Monitoring Well Drilling and Installation Program: Deep Creek – Replacement Well

Location - Specific: Vicinity of Deep Creek and the West Fork of Mojave River headwaters near Arrowhead Lake Road (exact location to be determined).

Location - County: San Bernardino County, near the confluence of Deep Creek and West Fork of the Mojave River headwaters, south of the City of Hesperia

Description of Activity: The Mojave Water Agency (MWA) proposes to acquire property to drill and install one multicompletion monitoring well in the upland area adjacent to the Mojave River, north of the Mojave Forks Dam, to replace the existing MWA well that is currently located in an upland area on non-MWA-owned property, and which the well data is no longer available to MWA.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Mojave Water Agency. **Exempt Status:** ☐ Ministerial ☐ Declared Emergency ☐ Emergency Project ☑ Categorical Exemption. CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306, Class 6: Information Collection. □ Statutory Exemption

Reasons why activity is exempt:

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The proposed project consists of installing one monitoring well for the purpose of maintaining the MWA's existing well network that collects basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Although the location is not yet determined it is the MWA's intent to purchase property to install the new well on disturbed land outside of the flowpath of the Mojave River and maintain a small footprint that would not cause a major disturbance to environmental resources.

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