

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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<p>TO: County Clerk County of Riverside 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p> <p>Ventura County Clerk’s Office 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009-1260</p> <p>Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Attn: State Clearinghouse</p>	<p>FROM: San Geronio Pass Water Agency 1210 Beaumont Ave. Beaumont, CA 92223 Phone: (951) 845-2577</p>
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Project Title:	2019 Water Exchange Agreements with City of Ventura and Casitas Municipal Water District (“Water Exchange Agreements”)
Project Location:	Within the service areas of the City of Ventura (“Ventura”), the Casitas Municipal Water District (“Casitas”), and the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (“Agency”)
a) Project Location – Cities:	City of Ventura, Ojai, and unincorporated portions of Ventura County Calimesa, Banning, Beaumont, and unincorporated portions of Riverside County
Project Location – Counties:	Ventura County Riverside County
Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	<p>On August 5, 2019, the Agency’s Board of Directors authorized the Agency’s General Manager to sign two agreements relating to the exchange of water and to take all steps necessary to implement the exchange.</p> <p>The first of these agreements is an exchange agreement between the Agency, Ventura, and Casitas. Under the agreement: (i) Ventura and Casitas will request that the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) deliver to the Agency, in calendar year 2019, Ventura and Casitas’ 2019 Table A Water allocations from the State Water Project (“SWP”) in the amount of 1,350 acre-feet and 650 acre-feet, respectively, with such water to be delivered to the Agency from the SWP through facilities already in existence; (ii) the Agency would arrange for return deliveries to Ventura (675 acre-feet) and Casitas (325 acre-feet) by December 2029 via infrastructure to be constructed, or, if infrastructure to deliver the return water does not exist by December 2029, the parties will reach an alternate arrangement; and (iii) the Agency would pay forty percent of Ventura and Casitas’ fixed State Water Project (“SWP”) costs for 2019. The water delivered to the Agency in 2019 pursuant to the agreement will be used entirely within the Agency’s service area, and the return water deliveries to Ventura and Casitas shall be used entirely within their respective service areas.</p> <p>Ventura and Casitas do not currently have the infrastructure necessary to take delivery of SWP water, but they have begun a process to construct infrastructure that would</p>