

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Unbalanced Exchange of State Water Project Table A Water between San Geronio Pass Water Agency and Ventura County Watershed Protection District (SWPAO #20016)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to San Geronio Pass Water Agency’s (SGPWA) turnout(s) at Reaches 4A and 4B of the California Aqueduct’s East Branch Extension and Ventura County Watershed Protection District’s (VCWPD) turnout(s) at Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct’s West Branch.

Location – County: Riverside and Ventura Counties

Description of Activity: Under the proposed water exchange, DWR will deliver up to 3,000 acre-feet of VCWPD’s approved 2020 State Water Project Table A water to SGPWA by December 31, 2020. This amount will be proportioned between two of VCWPD’s member agencies, City of San Buenaventura (Ventura) and Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas). Up to 2,000 acre-feet shall come from Ventura and up to 1,000 acre-feet shall come from Casitas. In exchange, SGPWA will return to Ventura and Casitas, based on an exchange ratio of 4 to 1, up to 750 acre-feet of its future approved SWP Table A water. That is, for every 4 acre-feet of VCWPD’s approved 2020 Table A water delivered to SGPWA, 1 acre-foot will be returned to the appropriate member agency by December 31, 2030.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: SGPWA (lead agency), VCWPD, Ventura, Casitas, and DWR (responsible agency)

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reason why activity is exempt:

- a. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
- d. The project is entirely within the SWP place of use.

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