

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Water Resources
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Project Title: Exchange of up to 75,000 Acre-Feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Central Valley Project Water Supplies with State Water Project Water Supplies.
(SWPAO #20022)

Location -- Specific: From the Delta Santa Clara Valley Water District's turnouts in Reach 9 of the South Bay Aqueduct and O'Neill Forebay

Location -- County: Santa Clara

Description of Activity: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Santa Clara) proposes to exchange up to 75,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara's CVP water supplies with SWP water supplies. The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation will make a portion of Santa Clara's CVP water available to DWR at O'Neill Forebay. In exchange, DWR will deliver an equal amount of SWP water supplies to Santa Clara from Banks Pumping Plant to Santa Clara's turnout(s) through the South Bay Aqueduct. DWR will deliver the CVP water to SWP service areas south of O'Neill Forebay under the 2020 Consolidated Place of Use. This involves no increase in total SWP or CVP allocations. This exchange is covered under the 2020 Consolidated Place of Use Order (Order), approved by the State Water Resources Control Board on July 15, 2020, and must be completed before the Order expires, on July 14, 2021.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Lead Agency), Department of Water Resources (Responsible Agency) and United States Bureau of Reclamation (Federal 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

Reasons why activity is exempt:

- a. California Water Code, § 1729, exempts temporary changes in place of use from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000; see also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15282, subd. (u).)
- b. The proposed project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- c. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- d. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.

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