

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
 County of: Ventura  
 800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, Ca. 93009

**From:** (Public Agency): Casitas Municipal Water District  
1055 Ventura Avenue  
Oak View, Ca. 93022

(Address)

Project Title: 2020 State Water Project Transfer of Table A Article 56 Water Supply

Project Applicant: Casitas Municipal Water District

Project Location - Specific:  
See Attachment

Project Location - City: See Attachment Project Location - County: See Attachment

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
  
See Attachment

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Casitas Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: See Attachment

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(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15282U

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Michael Flood Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-649-2251

**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: Michael Flood Date: January 28, 2021 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attachment to the Notice of Exemption**

**Project Location – Specific:** Within the service area of the United Water Conservation District (UWCD). UWCD covers 214,000 acres in Ventura County. The water transfer will be confined to the existing State Water Project infrastructure.

**Project Location – City:** Within the service area of the United Water Conservation District (UWCD).

**Project Location – County:** Ventura County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** On January 13, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District approved a term sheet offered by the United Water Conservation District allowing the transfer of up to 3,100 Acre Feet of Casitas Municipal Water District's 2020 Table A Article 56 State Water Project water supply. The purpose of the project is to augment the United Water Conservation District's water supplies. The beneficiaries of the project are the Casitas Municipal Water District and the United Water Conservation District.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project:** Casitas Municipal Water District, United Water Conservation District, and the California Department of Water Resources.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The approval by the Casitas Municipal Water District Board of Directors of the term sheet effectuating the transfer of Table A Article 56 State Water Project supply from the Casitas Municipal Water District to the United Water Conservation District is statutorily exempt from substantive CEQA review under State CEQA Guidelines section 15282(u), which exempts temporary changes in the point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use due to a transfer or exchange of water or water rights. Here, the proposed Project involves the transfer of up to 3,100 Acre-Feet of Casitas Municipal Water District's 2020 Table A Article 56 State Water Project water supply. The Project merely changes the place of use, and does not involve construction of any additional facilities to service the Project. As the Project involves a one-year transfer, it also satisfies the definition of "temporary change" pursuant to Water Code section 1728.