

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: 2021 State Water Project Transfer of Table A 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: 6/2/2021 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 Central Coast Water Agency. The Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) is a public entity organized under a joint exercise of powers agreement dated August 1, 1991, by the cities and special districts responsible for the creation and maintenance of water resources in Santa Barbara County and as such was formed to construct, manage and operate Santa Barbara County's "local facilities" for distribution and treatment of State water. The water transfer will be confined to the existing State Water Project infrastructure.

**Project Location – City:** Within the Santa Barbara County service area of the Central Coast Water Agency

**Project Location – County:** Santa Barbara County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** On May 26, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District approved an agreement offered by the Central Coast Water Agency allowing the transfer of up to 250 Acre Feet of Casitas Municipal Water District's 2021 Table A State Water Project water supply. The purpose of the project is to augment the Central Coast Water Agency's water supplies. The beneficiaries of the project are the Casitas Municipal Water District and the Central Coast Water Agency.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project:** Casitas Municipal Water District, Central Coast Water Agency, 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 State Water Project supply from the Casitas Municipal Water District to the Central Coast Water Agency 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 250 Acre-Feet of Casitas Municipal Water District's 2021 Table A 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.