

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Transfer of up to 500 Acre-Feet of Ventura County Watershed Protection District's 2021 State Water Project Table A Water to San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SWPAO #21036).

Location – Specific: From the Delta to San Luis Reservoir and/or San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency's (SGPWA) turnout(s) located in the California Aqueduct's East Branch Extension.

Location – County: Riverside and Ventura Counties

Description of Activity: The proposed project is for the transfer of up to 500 acre-feet of Ventura County Watershed Protection District's (VCWPD) approved 2021 State Water Project (SWP) Table A Water (VCWPD's 2021 Table A Water), on behalf of its member unit, the City of San Buenaventura, to SGPWA for use in its service by December 31, 2021. If SGPWA is unable to take full delivery of VCWPD's 2021 Table A Water under this Agreement, SGPWA may store such water in San Luis Reservoir for later delivery into its service area. Water stored in San Luis Reservoir after December 31, 2021 will become part of SGPWA's Article 56 Carryover Water.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: SGPWA (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), VCPWD (responsible agency), and City of San Buenaventura (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. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including for transfers of SWP Table A Water between SWP contractors.
- b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.
- c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed change in points of delivery.
- d. There will be no change in land use.

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