

Notice of Exemption

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From: Central Coast Water Authority
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Project Title: Central Coast Water Authority and Casitas Municipal Water District 2022 Transfer of Table A Water

Location – Specific: Existing State Water Project (SWP) facilities to existing turnouts in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California. The SWP is owned and operated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), headquartered in Sacramento, California. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District contracts with DWR for the delivery of SWP water to Santa Barbara County (SWP Contract). The Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) has assumed responsibility for the SWP Contract. CCWA is headquartered in Santa Barbara County and CCWA's service area is located in Santa Barbara County. The Ventura County Flood Control District contracts with DWR for the delivery of SWP water to Ventura County. The Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) contracts with Ventura County Flood Control District for delivery of SWP water to its service area. CMWD is headquartered in Ventura County and CMWD's service area is in Ventura County.

Location – County: Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties

Description of Activity: Due to prolonged drought conditions and low SWP "Table A Amount" for 2022, CCWA currently needs additional water supplies to supplement its 2022 supplies. CMWD will make available up to 250 acre-feet (AF) of CMWD's 2022 Annual Table A Amount, as that term is defined by the State Water Contract, for transfer to CCWA. CCWA will pay CMWD a rate of \$700 for every AF of water purchased, which will occur on execution of an agreement with DWR which incorporates the terms and conditions of the transfer. The point of delivery for the transfer is Banks Pumping Plant, a DWR facility, and all water delivered to CCWA shall be used entirely within CCWA's service area.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Central Coast Water Authority. Other approving agencies include: California Department of Water Resources, Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Ventura County Flood Control District, and Casitas Municipal Water District.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption
- Statutory Exemption (Not a Project Under CEQA)

Reasons why activity is exempt:

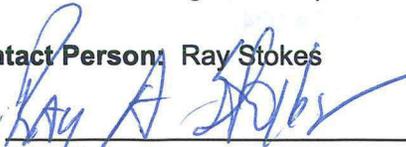
- a. The transfer will facilitate the delivery of SWP water from one SWP contractor to another, using only existing DWR facilities and existing facilities in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties and is intended to

meet existing uses of water and would not support new development or a change in land use. (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15061(b)(2), 15061(b)(3), 15301.)

- b. The transfer is entirely within the authorized SWP place of use.
- c. None of the exceptions to use of an exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply and the Transfer will not have a significant impact on the environment.

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