

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Ventura

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**From:** (Public Agency): SWRCB

Division of Water Rights

PO Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

(Address)

Project Title: Petition to Change Water Right License 4655 (Application 14267)

Project Applicant: USDA Los Padres National Forest

Project Location - Specific:

Approximately 1 mile east of Wheeler Springs

Project Location - City: Wheeler Springs Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Forest Service has submitted a petition to change Water Right License 4655 (Application 14267) to dedicate water to instream use to enhance the flow of an unnamed stream tributary to NF Matilija Creek in Ventura County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: USDA Los Padres National Forest

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: Sec 15308, Protection of the Environment
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project dedicates all of the licensed water to instream flow for fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement. No construction or building; and no grading or excavation will occur for this project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michael Meza Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-5427

**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: Scott McFarland Date: August 26, 2022 Title: Sr WRC Engineer

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: \_\_\_\_\_