

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management 1516 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, California 95814
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<b>Project Title</b>	Exchange of up to 75,000 Acre-Feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Central Valley Project Water Supplies with State Water Project Water Supplies. (SWP #22015)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From Banks Pumping Plant to Santa Clara Valley Water District's turnout(s) in Reach 9 of the South Bay Aqueduct and O'Neill Forebay
<b>Location- County</b>	Santa Clara
<b>Description of Activity</b>	Santa Clara Valley Water District (Santa Clara) proposes to exchange up to 75,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara's Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies with State Water Project (SWP) water supplies. The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation will make a portion of Santa Clara's CVP water available to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) at O'Neill Forebay. DWR will deliver the CVP water to SWP service areas south of O'Neill Forebay under the 2022-2023 Consolidated Place of Use. In exchange, DWR will deliver an equal amount of SWP water supplies to Santa Clara from Banks Pumping Plant to Santa Clara's turnout(s) in Reach 9 of the South Bay Aqueduct. This involves no increase in total SWP or CVP allocations. This exchange is covered under the 2022-2023 Consolidated Place of Use Order, approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on July 22, 2022. The SWRCB's approval is effective July 22, 2022 through July 21, 2023.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Santa Clara Valley Water District (Lead Agency), DWR (Responsible Agency) and United States Bureau of Reclamation (Federal Agency).
<b>Exempt Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project: Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	<p>a. California Water Code, § 1729, exempts temporary changes in place of use from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. (see also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15282, subd. (u).)</p> <p>b. The proposed project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.</p> <p>c. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.</p>

	d. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
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