

**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>	Transfer of up to 250 Acre-Feet of Ventura County Watershed Protection District's 2022 State Water Project Table A Water to Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (SWP # 22013)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (Santa Barbara) turnout(s) located in the California Aqueduct's Coastal Branch
<b>Location- County</b>	Santa Barbara County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	The project is a transfer of up to 250 acre-feet of Ventura County Watershed Protection District's (VCWPD) approved 2022 State Water Project (SWP) Table A Water, on behalf of its member unit, Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD), to Santa Barbara, on behalf of Central Coast Water Authority, for use in Santa Barbara's service area in 2022.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Central Coast Water Authority (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), Santa Barbara, VCWPD, CMWD
<b>Exempt Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	<p>a. State Water Project long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including for transfers between SWP contractors.</p> <p>b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.</p> <p>c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed change in points of delivery.</p> <p>d. There will be no change in land use.</p>
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