

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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| <p>TO: County Clerk County of Riverside<br/>2720 Gateway Drive<br/>Riverside, CA 92507</p> <p>Santa Barbara Clerk of the Board of Supervisors<br/>105 E. Anapamu St., Room 407<br/>Santa Barbara, CA 93101</p> <p>Office of Planning and Research<br/>1400 Tenth Street, Room 222<br/>Sacramento, CA 95814<br/>Attn: State Clearinghouse</p> | <p>FROM: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency<br/>1210 Beaumont Ave.<br/>Beaumont, CA 92223<br/>Phone: (951) 845-2577</p> |
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| Project Title:   | 2022 San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and the Central Coast Water Authority Water Exchange  |
| Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name): | Within the service areas of the Central Coast Water Authority (“Authority”), and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (“Agency”). The water transfers will be confined to existing infrastructure of the California Aqueduct and San Luis Reservoir.  |
| a) Project Location – Cities:  | Agency and Authority’s service areas  |
| Project Location – Counties:   | Santa Barbara County<br>Riverside County  |
| Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:  | <p>On September 26, 2022, the Board of Directors for the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency approved the Water Exchange between the Central Coast Water Authority and the Agency (“Agreement”). The Agreement authorizes a one-time water transfer of up to 400 acre-feet of water from the Agency to the Authority.</p> <p>On October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom proclaimed that local agencies are encouraged to take actions to coordinate use of their available supplies. The Authority and Agency each have water supply contracts, directly or indirectly, with the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) for water from the State Water Project (“SWP”). Allocations of SWP are extremely low this year and the Agency could benefit from additional water supplies in 2022. Article 55 of the SWP contracts allow for the conveyance of SWP Table A water or non-SWP water under certain conditions and subject to DWR operations, the Agency may have up to 1700 acre-feet of non-SWP water available. The Authority is currently requesting up to 400 acre-feet of water. The Agency is willing to release SWP Table A water or non-SWP to the Authority under this Agreement.</p> |
| Name of Public Agency approving project:   | San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency  |
| Name of Person or Agency carrying out project:   | San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency; Central Coast Water Authority; and Department of Water Resources  |

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| Exempt status: (check one)  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.<br>State type and class<br>number: | State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301[Existing Facilities]  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.<br>State Code section<br>number:     | State CEQA Guidelines § 15282(u)   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:                                       | State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)  |
| Reason why project was exempt:  | <p>The execution of the Agreement effectuating the exchange of non-SWP Water from the Agency to the Authority is statutorily exempt from substantive CEQA review under State CEQA Guidelines section 15282(u), which exempts temporary changes in the point of diversion, place of use, of purpose of use due to a transfer or exchange of water or water rights. Here, the proposed Project involves the exchange of a certain amount of the Agency's SWP Table A water or non-SWP water for the year 2022. The Project merely changes the place of use, and does not involve construction of any additional facilities to service the Project. As the Project involves a one year exchange, it also satisfies the definition of "temporary change" pursuant to Water Code section 1728.</p> <p>Additionally, the Project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), which exempts from further CEQA review the operation of existing public structures, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The Project will use existing facilities and will not require the construction of additional facilities to affect the delivery of the SWP Table A or non-SWP water.</p> <p>Finally, the Project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) which exempts those activities for which it can be seen with certainty that there is no potential to result in significant environmental effects. The Project involves the transfer of an existing allocation of water within existing facilities.</p> |
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Date: September 27, 2022

  
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