

# Shortened Review Request Form

(To be filled out and signed by the **Lead Agency** and submitted with DEIR or Negative Declaration to SCH)

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From: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA or Agency)  
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SCH # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Lance Eckhart, General Manager

Project Title: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency - Multi-Year Water Transfer

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Riverside, San Bernadino, and Ventura  
*City* *County*

Explain "exceptional circumstances" (CEQA, Section 15205(d)) for requesting a shortened review. Identify which of the 5 criteria in Appendix K are met for this project.

SGPWA has submitted the Negative Declaration to California Department of Water Resources for their review and comment. They have provided such review and comment and have given their approval for a shortened public review period of 20-days to expedite the project before the end of the year. We believe that we meet the following criteria that would qualify for an exceptional circumstance for 20-day review period:

(2) The public project applicant is under severe time constraints with regard to obtaining financing or exercising options which cannot be met without shortening the review period.

The San Gorgonio Water Pass Agency ("SGWPA") respectfully requests a shortened review period based on the severe time constraints placed on the project applicant with regard to financing. The Project involves a paperwork transaction for water availability that uses existing facilities without the involvement of ground disturbing activities or other environmental impacts. However, the Project requires implementation before the expiration of the California Water Year. If SGPWA does not exercise the option this water year, SGPWA will not receive the full benefit of the long-term water transfer agreement, causing delays and unplanned costs to SGPWA. In times of severe drought and dwindling resources, SGWPA cannot afford to incur these delays nor their costly consequences. Accordingly, a 20-day review period is requested to avoid this possible outcome. The project is not of areawide, regionwide or statewide significance.

List responsible and trustee state agencies with contact person, phone number and date of consent for the shortened review, as well as any agencies that have commented on the project (attach additional pages, if necessary):

City of San Buenaventura, Betsy Cooper - Assistant General Manager - Water Resources, City of Ventura - Ventura Water (805) 654-7848 Date of Consent (10/12/2022)

California Department of Water Resources - Patrick Luzuriaga, PE Water Contracts Manager (916) 820-7778 (Date of consent 10/4/2022)

As designated representative for the lead agency, I verify, in their behalf, that there is no "statewide, regional, or areawide significance" to this project.

Length of review being requested: 20 days

10/13/2022

Today's Date

Lance Eckhart

Print Name



Signature