

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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 County Clerk
 County of: San Bernardino
385 N Arrowhead Ave., 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: (Public Agency): San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
380 East Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92408
 (Address)

Project Title: Water Exchange Agreement Between San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) and Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency (CLAWA)

Project Applicant: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Project Location - Specific:

SW San Bernardino County, within the service areas of CLAWA & SBVMWD

Project Location - City: Multiple within SW San Bernardino Co. Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Water Exchange Agreement (Project) will allow for the exchange of 3,000 acre-feet of available State Water Project ("SWP") water from CLAWA to SBVMWD in calendar year 2023 in exchange for delivery of 1,500 acre-feet of SWP water from SBVMWD to CLAWA no later than the end of 2033. Water exchange between CLAWA and SBVMWD and SBVMWD and CLAWA will occur through existing facilities (pipelines). No facilities will be constructed to achieve the water transfers. Water will be used within each agency's service area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency

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: Type - Class 1, § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under Class 1 because it consists of the transfer of water through existing facilities. The project will not involve changes to the existing operation of facilities or changes to existing use of use of CLAWA and SBVMWD's existing facilities. Rather, the water exchange will involve the exercise of CLAWA and SBVMWD's existing right to SWP water, and the transfer of said water between CLAWA and SBVMWD pursuant to the terms of the Agreement. As a result, the exchange will consist merely of the continued operation of CLAWA and SBVMWD's existing facilities and the use of those facilities to temporarily transport water to a different location.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Bob Tincher Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (909) 387-9215

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: *Cordy Sultz* Date: 3/20/23 Title: Acting CEO/General Manager

▪ 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: _____