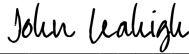


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title	Transfer of a Portion of Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency's (CLAWA) State Water Project Water to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SWP Agreement #23014 and #23015)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's turnout(s) located on California Aqueduct and/or the California Aqueduct's East Branch Extension.
Location- County	San Bernardino County
Description of Activity	<p>On March 16, 2023, Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency (CLAWA) and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) entered into an agreement for a "Water Exchange Agreement" (CLAWA/SBVMWD Agreement). The CLAWA/SBVMWD Agreement contains provisions governing the terms and conditions for the transfer of up to 3,000 acre-feet of CLAWA's State Water Project (SWP) water to SBVMWD in 2023, and the return of up to 1,500 acre-feet of SBVMWD's future approved SWP Table A water to CLAWA by December 31, 2033. CLAWA has requested that DWR approve this arrangement as three separate transfer agreements under Article 56 of CLAWA's and SBVMWD's respective Water Supply Contracts as follows: (1) a transfer of 2,173 acre-feet of CLAWA's Article 56 Carryover Water to SBVMWD in 2023; (2) a non-permanent transfer of up to 827 acre-feet of CLAWA's approved 2023 SWP Table A water to SBVMWD; and (3) a transfer of SBVMWD's future SWP water supplies to CLAWA by December 31, 2033.</p> <p>SWP Agreement #23014 provides for the transfer of 2,173 acre-feet of CLAWA's Article 56 Carryover Water to SBVMWD. SWP Agreement #23015 provides for the non-permanent transfer of up to 827 acre-feet of CLAWA's 2023 SWP Table A water to SBVMWD. CLAWA and SBVMWD will need to obtain DWR's approval under a separate agreement(s) for the delivery of SBVMWD's future SWP water supplies to CLAWA.</p>
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	CLAWA (lead agency), SBVMWD, and DWR (responsible agency)
Exempt Status	<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 Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reasons why activity is exempt	a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors. b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery. c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery. d. There will be no change in land use.
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