


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management 1516 9 th Street Sacramento, California 95814
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Project Title	Unbalanced Exchange of Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's State Water Project Article 56 Carryover Water for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's 2023 Table A Water (SWP #23016)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's turnout(s) located on the California Aqueduct, and to Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's turnout(s) located in Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct's West Branch.
Location- County	Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties
Description of Activity	The project is for the unbalanced exchange of Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's (SCVWA) State Water Project (SWP) Article 56 Carryover Water stored in San Luis Reservoir for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWDSC) 2023 approved SWP Table A water. Under the proposed exchange, 9,433 acre-feet of SCVWA's Article 56 Carryover Water will be made available to MWDSC in San Luis Reservoir for delivery to MWDSC's service area by December 31, 2023. In exchange, MWDSC will return to SCVWA, based on an exchange ratio of 3 to 2, approximately 6,289 of MWDSC's 2023 Table A Water by December 31, 2023.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	SCVWA (lead agency), MWDSC, 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery. There will be no change in land use.

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