

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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| <b>To:</b> | Office of Planning and Research<br>Post Office Box 3044<br>Sacramento, California 95812 | <b>From:</b> | Department of Water Resources<br>Water Management<br>P.O BOX 942836<br>Sacramento, California 94236-0001 |
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| <b>Project Title</b>  | Unbalanced Exchange of State Water Project Table A Water between San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (SWP #23040)  |
| <b>Location- Specific</b>                                       | From the Delta to: 1) Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) turnout(s) in Reaches 18A, 19, 20A, 20B, 22A, and/or 22B, and 2) San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency's (San Gorgonio) turnout(s) in Reaches 4A and/or 4B of the California Aqueduct's East Branch Extension.  |
| <b>Location- County</b>   | Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside and Ventura Counties  |
| <b>Description of Activity</b>                                  | DWR will deliver up to 4,000 acre-feet of San Gorgonio's approved 2023 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to AVEK by December 31, 2023. In exchange, AVEK will return to San Gorgonio, based on an unbalanced exchange ratio of 1 to 0.8, up to 3,200 of AVEK's future approved SWP Table A water by December 31, 2033. That is, for every 1 acre-foot of San Gorgonio 2023 Table A Water delivered to AVEK, 0.8 acre-foot will be returned by AVEK to SGPWA. |
| <b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b> | San Gorgonio, AVEK, and DWR (responsible agency)   |
| <b>Exempt Status</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency<br><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility<br><input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729  |
| <b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>                           | a. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for transfers and exchanges of SWP Table A water between SWP contractors.<br>b. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.<br>c. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.<br>d. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.  |
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