


**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 95814
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<b>Project Title</b>	Transfer of Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's State Water Project 2023 Table A Water to Ventura County Watershed Protection District (SWP #23041)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Ventura County Watershed Protection District's (Ventura) turnout(s) at Reach 29H and/or Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct's West Branch
<b>Location- County</b>	Los Angeles County and Ventura County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	SWP Agreement #23041 provides for the non-permanent transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet of Santa Clarita's 2023 Table A Water to Ventura, on behalf of its sub-member unit, United Water Conservation District (United), from November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Santa Clarita (lead agency), Ventura, and DWR (responsible agency)
<b>Exempt Status</b>	<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
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	<p>a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors.</p> <p>b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.</p> <p>c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery.</p> <p>d. There will be no change in land use.</p>
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