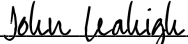


**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management 1516 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, California 95814
<b>Project Title</b>	Agreement among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and Kern County Water Agency for a Transfer and Storage of a Portion of Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's State Water Project Water in Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District's Water Banking and Exchange Program (SWP #23036)		
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reach 12E of the California Aqueduct and Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's (Santa Clarita) turnout(s) in Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct's West Branch		
<b>Location- County</b>	Los Angeles, Ventura, and Kern Counties		
<b>Description of Activity</b>	The project is for the delivery and storage of up to 20,000 acre-feet of Santa Clarita's 2023 State Water Project Table A water (SWP Water) to the Rosedale-Santa Clarita Banking and Exchange Program by December 31, 2023. In exchange for using the Rosedale Water Bank and for recovery of a portion of that stored water less applicable losses through December 31, 2033. For every two acre-feet of Santa Clarita's SWP Water delivered for storage, one acre-foot of that water will be retained by Rosedale. Santa Clarita will recover the remaining one-half of its stored water, minus losses, for use in its service area. The Rosedale-Santa Clarita Banking and Exchange Program is valid through December 31, 2033, or until Santa Clarita has recovered all of its stored water.		
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (lead agency), 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>	a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors and temporary storage in groundwater storage facilities. 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.
<b>Responsible Agency Contact Person</b>	Patrick Luzuriaga Telephone: 916-820-7778

Signature:  _____ John Leahigh Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance State Water Project	Date: 11/1/2023 _____
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