

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:** Central Coast Water Authority  
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**Project Title:** Administrative Rules for the Transfer or Exchange of Water

**Location – Specific:** Santa Barbara County

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**Description of Activity:** Approve and adopt administrative rules for the transfer or exchange of water. The Administrative Rules for the Transfer or Exchange of Water (“Transfer Rules”) implements the Water Management Amendment to the State Water Project (SWP) Contract and standardizes CCWA procedures. The Transfer Rules includes procedures for transfers and exchanges between and among CCWA Participants and third parties, the temporary delivery of SWP water to a groundwater storage program or facility for later use within CCWA’s service area, and the transfer and conveyance of other water supplies through the SWP for delivery to CCWA’s service area.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** Central Coast Water Authority

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption (General Rule of Exemption - Section 15061(b)(3))
- Statutory Exemption (Not a Project Under CEQA)

**Reasons why activity is exempt:**

Approval and adoption of the Transfer Rules is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which provides that a project is exempt from CEQA when it is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and does not apply where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant effect.

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