

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Barbara

105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

From: (Public Agency): Montecito Water District
583 San Ysidro Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

(Address)

Project Title: State Water Project (SWP) Water Management Program Agreement with Homer LLC

Project Applicant: Montecito Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Existing surface water and groundwater facilities associated with State Water Project

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Santa Barbara and Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project is a 5-year Water Management Agreement involving the transfer of State Water Project (SWP) supplies between Montecito Water District (MWD) and Homer LLC. Under the agreement, MWD would annually assess its water supplies and determine whether it has surplus SWP water to transfer. If MWD determines it has surplus SWP water, Homer would be obligated to purchase the surplus SWP water at a predetermined unit price. The transfer would take place either at the SWP San Luis Reservoir, or SWP Banks Pumping Plant depending upon the type of water to be transferred (i.e. Table A water, Article 56C water).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Montecito Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Montecito Water District

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Existing Facilities (15301) and Common Sense (15061(b)(3))
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The project would rely on existing facilities and would not involve any physical infrastructure upgrades. The project would not increase the capacity of the SWP system. The project would not support new development or a change in land use that could result in indirect environmental impacts. The proposed project is a change in water management operations in existing facilities, which are currently in use for SWP water storage and deliveries. The proposed project would not result in significant environmental impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Nicholas Turner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-969-2271

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 5-23-24 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____