

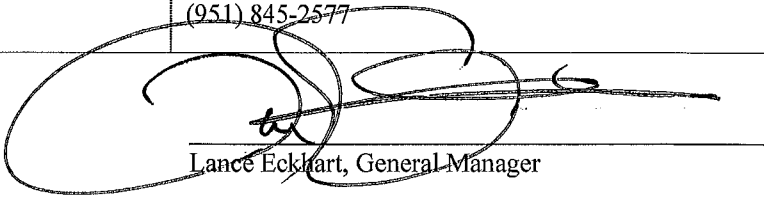
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO: County Clerk of Riverside County 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p> <p>County Clerk of Kern County 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301</p> <p>Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222 Sacramento, CA 95814 Attn: State Clearinghouse</p>	<p>FROM: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency 1210 Beaumont Ave. Beaumont, CA 92223 Phone: (951) 845-2577</p>
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Project Title:	2024 Westside Districts/San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Transfer Agreement
Project Location:	Within the service areas of Dudley Ridge Water District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Belridge Water Storage District, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water District (collectively, the “Westside Districts”), and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (“Agency”).
a) Project Location – Cities:	Agency and Westside District’s service areas
Project Location – Counties:	Kern County Riverside County
Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	On June 17, 2024, the Agency’s Board of Directors approved the 2024 Westside Districts/San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Transfer Agreement (“Agreement”). The Agreement authorizes a transfer of up to 6,000 acre-feet of Agency’s 2024 State Water Project (“SWP”) water supplies to Westside Districts (“Project”); under the Agreement, the Agency may additional make available an additional up to 2,000 acre-feet of its 2024 SWP water supplies to the Westside Districts as an option.
Name of Public Agency approving project:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Name of Person or Agency carrying out project:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, Westside Districts, Kern County Water Agency
Exempt status: (check one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.	State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301[Existing Facilities]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.	State CEQA Guidelines § 15282(u)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)
Reason why project was exempt:	The execution of the Agreement is statutorily exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines section 15282(u), which exempts temporary changes in the point of diversion, place of use, of purpose of use due to a transfer or exchange of water or water rights. Here, the Project involves the exchange of a certain amount of the Agency’s SWP water for the year 2024. The Project merely changes the place of use, and does not involve construction of any

	<p>additional facilities to service this transfer of water. As the Project involves a one year exchange, it also satisfies the definition of “temporary change” under State CEQA Guidelines section 15282(u) pursuant to Water Code section 1728.</p> <p>Additionally, the Project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), which exempts from CEQA the operation of existing public structures, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. The Project will use existing facilities and will not require the construction of additional facilities to affect the delivery of the SWP water.</p> <p>Finally, the Project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) which exempts those activities for which it can be seen with certainty that there is no potential to result in significant environmental effects. The Project involves the transfer of an existing allocation of water within existing facilities.</p>
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Date: July 23, 2024



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