

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 95814
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Project Title	Exchange of up to 75,000 Acre-Feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Central Valley Project Water Supplies with State Water Project Water Supplies (SWP #24018)
Location- Specific	From Banks Pumping Plant to Santa Clara Valley Water District's turnout(s) in Reach 9 of the South Bay Aqueduct and O'Neill Forebay.
Location- County	Santa Clara
Description of Activity	Santa Clara Valley Water District (Santa Clara) proposes to exchange up to 75,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara's Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies with State Water Project (SWP) water supplies. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will deliver up to 75,000 acre-feet of SWP water supplies to Santa Clara from Banks Pumping Plant to Santa Clara's turnout(s) in Reach 9 of the South Bay Aqueduct. In exchange, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation will make an equal amount of Santa Clara's CVP water available to DWR at O'Neill Forebay. DWR will deliver the CVP water to SWP service areas south of O'Neill Forebay. This exchange is covered under the 2024-2025 Consolidated Place of Use Order, approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on July 22, 2024. The SWRCB's approval is effective July 22, 2024 through July 21, 2025.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	Santa Clara (Lead Agency), DWR (Responsible Agency) and United States Bureau of Reclamation (Federal Agency).
Exempt Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project: Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
Reasons why activity is exempt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> California Water Code, § 1729, exempts temporary changes in place of use from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. (see also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15282, subd. (u).) The proposed project is a water management operation using only existing facilities. The project will not support new development or a change in land use. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.

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