



2023 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Complete this form when filing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report or Notice of Exemption.

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person Matt Young		Phone (805) 568-3542	
Lead Agency Santa Barbara County Water Agency		Lead Agency Email mcyoung@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute the Second Amendment to the Cachuma Project Master Contract			
Project Applicant Matt Young	Email mcyoung@countyofsb.org	Phone (805) 568-3542	
Project Applicant Address 130 E. Victoria Street, STE 200	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Filing Fee	\$3,839.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Paid (must attach receipt)	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No Effect Determination (must be attached).....	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Filing Fee	\$2,764.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Paid (must attach receipt)	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No Effect Determination (must be attached).....	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18)	\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Public Works Department/Santa Barbara County Water Agency

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s) : N/A Case No. N/A

Location: Various

Title: Cachuma Project Master Contract and Member Unit Contract Extension

Description: Approve and adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to execute an interim Cachuma Project Master Contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, extending the terms and conditions of the current contract for no more than three years.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Water Agency

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a Project under CEQA

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Approving and adopting resolutions to execute interim contracts is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2), continuing organization or administrative activities and Section 15378(b)(5), organization or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment. Approving and adopting resolutions is further not subject to, and is exempt from, the requirements of CEQA under Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment and Section 15261(a), project approved prior to November 23, 1970. Terms and conditions of the existing contract will be extended and will involve the operation of existing facilities and is therefore exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, operation and maintenance of existing facilities.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

- a. Approving and adopting resolutions to extend existing contracts is not a project under CEQA because extension of contracts without operational changes is the continuation of administrative activities, will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment, and there is no possibility that extending contracts may have a significant effect on the environment.
- b. The Cachuma Project Water Supply Contract was originally executed in 1949.
- c. Existing facilities will be used to provide water from the Cachuma Project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matthew Young Phone #: (805) 568-3546

Department/Division Representative: Walter McQuinn Date: August 21, 2023

Acceptance Date: _____

Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

DATE FILED WITH CLERK OF THE BOARD

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References

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Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
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Total				100.00	100.00								

Signatures

Signed By: Cindy Gonzalez
 Approval Level: Department/Agency-Fund Group
 Department/Agency-Fund Group: 054-Public Works
 Signed On: 8/3/2023 4:09:21 PM
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