

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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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.

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Location: N/A  
*(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)*

Project Title: Temporary Exchange of State Water Project Water

Project Description: Temporary exchange of State Water Project water with Irvine Ranch Water District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Walter Rubalcava, Flood Control Deputy Director

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 14 CCR 15269(a), 14 CCR 15061(b)(3), and 14 CCR 15301

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary)

14 CCR §15269(a) states that CEQA does not apply to emergency projects. Approving this transfer would prevent loss of State water from an imminent spill from San Luis Reservoir. 14 CCR, §15061(b)(3), states that an activity is covered by the common-sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Because there is no possibility that approving this transfer would have a significant effect on the environment, this activity is not subject to CEQA. Finally, 14 CCR §15301 exempts existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; the project would not expand use of existing water delivery facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Walter Rubalcava Phone #: (805) 568-3436

Department/Division Representative: Matt Young Date: March 7, 2023

Note: 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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# 2023 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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(805) 568-2240

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 <b>Matt Young</b>		Phone <b>(805) 568-3542</b>	
Lead Agency Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District		Lead Agency Email mcyoung@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Temporary Exchange of State Water Project water between CCWA and Irvine Ranch Water District			
Project Applicant <b>Walter Rubalcava</b>	Email wrubalc@countyofsb.org	Phone <b>(805) 568-3436</b>	
Project Applicant Address 130 E. Victoria Street, STE 200	City <b>Santa Barbara</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93101</b>

### 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
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<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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption .....	\$0.00
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<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

Cash     Credit Card     Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Journal Entry # \_\_\_\_\_  
(in person only)

# Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0245924  
 Document Description: CEQA FEE-TEMP EXCHANGE OF STATE WATER PROJ BETWEEN CCWA&IRVINCE RANCH  
 Post On: 3/3/2023  
 Batch ID: 2755227  
 Created On: 3/3/2023 9:55:38 AM  
 Processed On: Cindy Gonzalez  
 Created By: Cindy Gonzalez

## References

Audit Trail: Cash Type: I - Interfund

## Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
3050	054	2810	7546	50.00		3007		WA8211					CEQA FEE-SWP EXCHANGE-CCWA & IRVINE RANCH WD
3050		0110			50.00								CEQA FEE-SWP EXCHANGE-CCWA & IRVINE RANCH WD
0001		0110		50.00									CEQA FEE-SWP EXCHANGE-CCWA & IRVINE RANCH WD
0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							CEQA FEE-SWP EXCHANGE-CCWA & IRVINE RANCH WD
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: 3/3/2023 10:27:18 AM  
 Valid: Y

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print StartOver Save

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
42 — 03/07/2023 — 056  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL mcyoung@countyofsb.org	DATE 03/07/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

Temporary Exchange of State Water Project Water between CCWA and Irvine Ranch Water District

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Walter Rubalcava	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL wrubalc@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 568-3436
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 130 E. Victoria Street, STE 200	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- |   |            |    |      |
|---|------------|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$3,839.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,764.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,305.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

- Exempt from fee  
 Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|---|----------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ |       |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Brianda Negrete, Deputy Clerk



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**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

**NOTICE**

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

**COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE**

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

**COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

**Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):**

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

**Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))**

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

**Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected**, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

**The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:**

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

**DOCUMENT RETENTION**

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

**RECEIPT NUMBER**

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

**DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.**

**Mail to:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Accounting Services Branch  
 P.O. Box 944209  
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090