

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District and Water Conservation District

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: NA

Case No.: NA

Location: Santa Barbara County

Project Title: Assignment of the State Water Project's Water Supply Contract to the Central Coast Water Authority

Project Description: This Resolution authorize Public Works Director or his designee to execute an agreement assigning the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (District) State Water Project Contract to the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA)

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in coordination with the California Department of Water Resources and the Central Coast Water Authority

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:

CEQA Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) – common sense exemption.

CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemption, Section 15320 – changes in organization of local agencies.

CEQA Article 20, Definitions, Section 15378(b)(5) – organizational or administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment

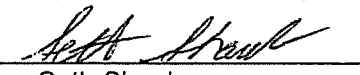
Reasons to support exemption findings: The project involves assigning the existing State Water Project's Water Supply Contract from the District to the CCWA with no changes to the Contract or to water supply, delivery or facilities. Because the project only involves a change in organization, by substituting the contracting party from the District to CCWA, with no corresponding physical environmental effects, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Furthermore, CCWA was formed in 1991 for the purpose of planning, designing, financing, constructing and operating the facilities needed to deliver water from the State Water Project. Since 1991 CCWA has been actively involved in the State Water Project (SWP) and entered into a Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement with the District, whereby CCWA agreed to pay the District the amounts required to be paid by the District to State of California pursuant to the SWP Contract with respect to the rights held by CCWA under or in connection with the SWP Contract and CCWA agreed to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the SWP Contract.

State Water Project delivery, distribution and facilities will remain the same, therefore transfer of the Contract between local governmental agencies would not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. The character of the supply, the method of delivery, the place of use and the population of use will remain the same. Accordingly, assignment will not have significant impact on the environment, either directly or indirectly and the assignment to CCWA is similar to changes in organization identified in Section 15320.

Transfer of the Contract is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment; therefore this is not a project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Young Phone #: 805-568-3546

Department/Division Representative:  Date: 9/25/2025
Seth Shank

Date: September 25, 2025

Date of final action on project: October 7, 2025

NOTE: A copy of this document must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35-day statute of limitations on legal challenges.



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A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, 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 805-568-3546		
Lead Agency Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Lead Agency Email mcyoung@countyofsb.org		
Project Title Resolution to Assign the State Water Project's Water Supply Contract to the Central Coast Water Authority			
Project Applicant Walter Rubalcava	Email Waltwrubalc@countyofsb.org	Phone (805) 568-3436	
Project Applicant Address 130 E. Victoria Street, STE 200	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

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| ☐ Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | |
| ☐ 2025 Filing Fee | \$4,123.50 |
| ☐ Previously Paid (must attach receipt) | \$0.00 |
| ☐ No Effect Determination (must be attached) | \$0.00 |

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected ***only*** for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

- ☐ This project has been approved. Date of Approval: Click or tap to enter a date.

- ☐ Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
- ☐ 2025 Filing Fee \$2,968.75
- ☐ Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
- ☐ No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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- 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 ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Journal Entry # _____
In person only In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept



View Event: Journal: JE-1066806 on
09/16/2025 for \$50.00 by CINDY GONZALEZ

For JE-1066806 - County of Santa Barbara California - 09/16/2025 - CEQA FEE-RESOLUTION TO ASSIGN STATE WATER PROJECT TO CCWA
Overall Process Journal: JE-1066806 on 09/16/2025 for \$50.00 by CINDY GONZALEZ
Overall Status In Progress
Due Date 09/16/2025
Calendar In Use Consecutive Days (No Calendars Selected)

Details

Journal Entry View

Journal JE-1066806 - County of Santa Barbara California - 09/16/2025 - CEQA FEE-RESOLUTION TO ASSIGN STATE WATER PROJECT TO CCWA

Journal Number JE-1066806
Status Reserved
Event In Progress Accounting Journal
Budget Check Status Pass

Journal Entry Information

Originated by CINDY GONZALEZ
Accounting Date 09/16/2025
Currency USD
Period Sep-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)
Ledger County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals
Journal Source Manual Journal
Balancing Fund FD-2400 Flood Ctrl/Wtr Cons Dst Mt
Book Code

Journal Entry Details

Memo CEQA FEE-RESOLUTION TO ASSIGN STATE WATER PROJECT TO CCWA

External Reference ID No
Adjustment Journal No
Create Reversal No
Balanced Yes
Total As-Entered Ledger Debits 50.00
Total As-Entered Ledger Credits 50.00

As Entered

Journal Entry Lines

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Remaining Process



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09/16/2025
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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

Start Over

Save

RECEIPT NUMBER:

42 — 10/08/2025 — 189

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

SB County Food Control & Water Conservation District

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

mcyoung@countyofsb.org

DATE

10/08/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Santa Barbara

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Resolution to Assign the State Water Project's Water Supply Contract to the Central Coast Water Authority

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

Walter Rubalcava

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

Waltwrubalc@countyofsb.org

PHONE NUMBER

(805) 568-3436

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 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:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$4,123.50

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$2,968.75

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,401.75

\$

0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00

☐ Other

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash

☐ Credit

☐ Check

☒ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X Katherine Douglas

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk