

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Flood Control & 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(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.

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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