

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:
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From:
United Water Conservation District
106 North 8th Street
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Project Title: Single Year State Water Project Transfer from Ventura Water and/or Casitas Municipal Water District to United Water Conservation District

Project Location: State Water Project water transferred between Ventura County Agencies will be used for beneficial purposes in Ventura County. Water will be delivered through Reach 29 or Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct System and transported to United Water Conservation District's existing facilities.

Lead Agency: United Water Conservation District

Project Applicant: N/A

Project:

United Water Conservation District (United) proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Ventura Water and/or Casitas Municipal Water District to purchase carryover water allocated under the State Water Project (SWP) contract for Ventura County. United proposes to purchase 525 acre-feet from Ventura Water and 3,100 acre-feet from Casitas Municipal Water District. United will take delivery of purchased water through Reach 29 of the California Aqueduct at Lake Pyramid through our facilities at Lake Piru or through Reach 30 at Castaic Lake. The project will use existing facilities and involves no construction or changes in land use and negligible expansion of use.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: [Guidelines § 15301](#)
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Pub. Res. Code § 21169; [Guidelines § 15261\(a\)](#)
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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: United Water Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: United Water Conservation District

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project is statutorily exempt pursuant to the ongoing project statutory exemption under Public Resources Code section 21169 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15261(a) because the project is merely an incidental part of an original, ongoing pre-CEQA project – the State Water Project contract. The project is also categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15301 because the project involves the operation of existing facilities with negligible expansion of use.

None of the conditions prohibiting exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15261(a) apply and none of the exceptions to categorical exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply

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