
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

From: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
380 East Vanderbilt Way
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Date: September 11, 2024

To: Office of Planning and Research
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To: Kings County Clerk of the Board
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To: Kern County, County Clerk
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639

Project Title: Water Transfer Agreement Between San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and Westside Water Districts

Project Applicant: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Project Location – Specific: California Department of Water Resources facilities, and Westside Water Districts (comprised of Dudley Ridge Water District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Belridge Water Storage District, Lost Hills Water District, and Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District) service areas.

Project Location – County: San Bernardino, Alameda, Kings, Kern, and State Water Project facilities (which span multiple counties).

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) proposes the transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet of allocated State Water Project (SWP) water to Westside Water Districts in 2024. The Project would consist of the transfer of water to the Westside Water Districts service areas in Central California, instead of conveyance to

SBVMWD's service area in Southern California. The transfer point will occur at the existing SWP Banks Pumping Plant. The transfer water would then be conveyed via the existing California Aqueduct to existing facilities in the Westside Water Districts service area. The transfer water will be used within the Westside District service area to meet existing agricultural needs or will be recharged into an existing groundwater bank. The Project would use existing infrastructure: no new facilities or changes to existing facilities are needed for this Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and Westside Water Districts.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and Westside Water Districts.

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (§ 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (§ 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (§ 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Type – Class 1, § 15301**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is exempt under Class 1 because it consists of the transfer of water through existing facilities. The Project will not involve changes to the existing operation or use of facilities. Rather, the Project will involve the exercise of SBVMWD and Westside Water Districts existing right to State Water Project (SWP) water, to transfer water from SBVMWD to Westside Water Districts pursuant to the terms of the Agreement. As a result, the transfer will consist merely of the continued operation of SBVMWD's and Westside Water Districts' existing facilities and the use of those facilities to temporarily transport water to a different location.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michael Plinski, (909) 387-9230

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes
 No

Signature:



Date: 9/11/2024

Title: CEO/General Manager
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.