

## Notice of Exemption

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To: County Clerk  
County of Kings  
1400 W. Lacy Blvd  
Hanford, CA 93230

County Clerk  
County of Santa Clara  
110 West Tasman Dr, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
San Jose, CA 95134

From: Lead Agency  
Dudley Ridge Water District  
5555 California Ave, Suite 209  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Contact Person: Jamie Marquez  
Phone No.: 661-525-0941

**Project Title:** 2025 Water Transfer: Dudley Ridge Water District & Santa Clara Valley Water District

**Project Location:** Dudley Ridge Water District is located in Kings County and Santa Clara Valley Water District is located in Santa Clara County

**Project Location:** Kings and Santa Clara Counties

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Dudley Ridge Water District will deliver up to 500 acre-feet (AF) of 2025 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to Santa Clara Valley Water District via the SWP's California Aqueduct. All water will be transferred via existing SWP and local facilities.

**Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:** Dudley Ridge Water District & Santa Clara Valley Water District

**Name of Persons or Agencies Carrying Out Project:** Dudley Ridge Water District & Santa Clara Valley Water District

**Exempt Status:** Title 14, CCR, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301(b) (Existing public facilities).

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** For the reasons stated below, this project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15301(b) (operation of existing facilities used to provide public utility services which involve a negligible or no expansion of the existing use).

1. The water exchange that is the subject of the agreement is temporary and made for the purpose of assisting Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) to provide water this year.
2. The SCVWD will use this water to serve its existing customers, and this water will be conveyed through continued operation of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.
3. Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD) does not intend to use the water to be transferred during the time period relevant to the transfer, so no environmental impacts will occur in the DRWD service area.
4. The water transferred will be delivered to existing facilities that have previously complied with CEQA.
5. The agreement provides adequate advance notice to allow DRWD and SCVWD to manage their supplies such that the transfer will not materially adversely impact their water supplies.

6. The amount of water involved in the temporary transfer is small in proportion to the total supplies of each agency.

**Lead Agency:** Dudley Ridge Water District

**Contact Person:** Jamie Marquez

**Area Code/Telephone:** 661-525-0941

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: Jamie Marquez Date: 5-202-2025 Title: Water Resources Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency  
 Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_