NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 County Clerk County of Riverside 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507	FROM LEAD AGENCY:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency 1210 Beaumont Avenue Beaumont, CA 92223 (951) 845-2577

1.	Project Title:	San Gorgonio Pass Nested Monitoring Wells Project (the "Project")
2.	Project Location:	The Project entails a multiple-well monitoring site located within the County of Riverside. The multiple-well monitoring site (Proposal ID P-2 or "P-2") will be located in the City of Banning, at latitude 33.926067 and longitude -116.915047, in the Median of W Ramsey Street, 0.18 miles west of the Sunset Ave and W Ramsey Street Intersection. The location of P-2 is further depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
3.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ("SGPWA") entered into a Grant Agreement with the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (Agreement No. 4600015630) as part of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program, and the agreement assists in financing the Project. After execution of the Grant Agreement, on June 5, 2024, SGPWA and the United States Geological Survey ("USGS") executed a Joint Funding Agreement for a cooperative basin-wide monitoring program between the SGPWA and USGS; the proposed work entailed under this program includes the drilling, construction, instrumentation, and documentation of the four multiple-well monitoring sites that comprise the Project. On January 15, 2025, SGPWA issued a Notice to Proceed with the Project. A Notice of Exemption for the Project was previously filed on or about January 22, 2025, but the location of P-2 has since changed. As with the initial Project, P-2 will be comprised of four wells drilled to a proposed depth of approximately 1,000 feet. USGS staff will be on-site during the drilling and construction of monitoring sites to coordinate drilling activity, record borehole and drilling conditions, collect and describe drill cuttings, and provide regular progress updates. Groundwater-level and water-quality samples will be collected at each new well to assess the quality of

		water and help characterize the source, movement, and relative age of water between all sites. Electronic pressure transducers will be installed in each well and the wells will be added into a continuous monitoring network.
4.	Name of Public Agency approving project / Lead Agency:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ("Agency")
5.	Name of Person or Agency carrying out project:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
6.	Exempt status:	
	Categorically exempt:	State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15303 and 15306
7.	Reason why project was exempt:	The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 3 exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15303, which applies to the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, as well as to the installation of small equipment and facilities in small structures. The Project is further categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 6 exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15306, which applies to basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Here, the Project would not result in a serious or major disturbance to any environmental resource, and the Project relates to basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities, as set forth in the Project Description above. There are no unusual circumstances relating to the Project, and the Project will not result in a significant impact to the environment due to unusual circumstances.
8.	Contact Person: Telephone:	Matt Howard (951) 845-2577

Signature: _____ Date: 10/06/2025

Matt Howard
Operations Manager
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

Date Received for Filing: _____

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SGP GSA Monitoring Well Locations

