

Public Notice

Notice of Exemption



To: County of Santa Clara
Clerk-Recorder’s Office
110 West Tasman Dr, 1st Floor
San Jose CA 95134

From: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose CA 95118-3686
Telephone (408) 265-2600

Project Title: 2025 Short-term Water Transfer between Valley Water and Westlands Water District (WWD)/Blue Sky Farms

Project Location - Specific: The temporary water transfer would be delivered to WWD via WWD’s existing turnouts in Reaches 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the San Luis Canal.

Reach 4: milepost 103, west of the town of Cantua Creek, to milepost 122.07 in Fresno County

Reach 5: mileposts 122.07 to 155.5 in Fresno County

Reach 6: milepost 155.5 in Fresno County to 1.25 miles northwest of Kettleman City in Kings County

Reach 7: from 1.25 miles northwest of Kettleman City to where the San Luis Canal becomes the California Aqueduct in Kings County

Project Location - City: Various

Project Location - County: Santa Clara, Fresno, and Kings Counties

Project Purpose: To transfer up to 4,000 acre feet of Valley Water’s surplus agricultural CVP allocation to Blue Sky Farms for agricultural use via WWD’s existing turnouts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Valley Water

Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project: Valley Water

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15301: Class 1, Existing Facilities]
- Statutory Exemption


Description of Project: WWD and Valley Water are South of Delta Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors and are eligible participants in the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) South of Delta Accelerated Water Transfer Program for Contract Years 2021-2025, which provides an accelerated

process for annual water transfers and/or exchanges between South of Delta CVP contractors that occur between March 1, 2021 and February 28, 2026. Valley Water has determined that up to 4,000 acre-feet of Valley Water’s 2025-2026 agricultural CVP supplies in San Luis Reservoir is surplus to the existing needs of Valley Water’s customers.

Under the Project, prior to December 31, 2025, Valley Water would request that the USBR transfer up to 4,000 acre-feet of Valley Water’s surplus agricultural supplies to WWD’s existing turnouts in Fresno and Kings Counties. Blue Sky Farms, which has land holdings in WWD, would receive the water from WWD in their account, and use the water for agricultural purposes.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The transfer would be conducted via existing water diversion, conveyance, and storage facilities. The Project does not involve new construction, alteration of existing facilities, or expansion of use. None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 that would disqualify the Project from being categorically exempt exist.

Lead Agency: Santa Clara Valley Water District
Contact Person: Kelly White, Environmental Planner
Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (408) 630-2840

Signature:  _____
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Date: 10/16/2025

Title: Vincent Gin, P.E.
Deputy Operating Officer
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cc: CEQA Administrative Record

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