

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

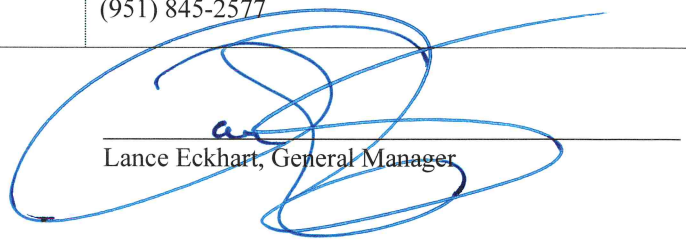
<p>TO: Riverside County Clerk 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p> <p>Napa County Clerk 1127 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite A Napa, CA 94559</p> <p>Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Attn: State Clearinghouse</p>	<p>FROM: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency 1210 Beaumont Ave. Beaumont, CA 92223 Phone: (951) 845-2577</p>
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Project Title:	2026 Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District/San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Transfer Agreement
Project Location:	Within the service areas of the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("District") and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ("Agency").
a) Project Location – Cities:	Agency and District’s service areas
Project Location – Counties:	Napa County Riverside County
Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	On March 11, 2026, the Agency’s Board of Directors approved the 2026 Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District/San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Transfer Agreement (“Agreement”). The Agreement with the District authorizes the purchase of 3,000 acre-feet of carryover water at a rate of \$225 per acre-foot. ("Project")
Name of Public Agency approving project:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Name of Person or Agency carrying out project:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223  Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 1195 Third Street, Napa, CA 94559, Telephone: (707) 259-8600
Exempt status: (check one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.	State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301[Existing Facilities]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.	State CEQA Guidelines § 15282(u)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)
Reason why project was exempt:	The execution of the Agreement is statutorily exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines section 15282(u), which exempts temporary changes in the point of diversion, place of use, of purpose of use due to a transfer or exchange of water or water rights. Here, the Project involves the one-time exchange of a certain amount of the District’s water for the year 2026. The Project merely changes the place of use, and does not involve construction

	<p>of any additional facilities to service this transfer of water. As the Project involves a one-time exchange, it also satisfies the definition of “temporary change” under State CEQA Guidelines section 15282(u) pursuant to Water Code section 1728.</p> <p>Additionally, the Project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), which exempts from CEQA the operation of existing public structures, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. The Project will use existing facilities and will not require the construction of additional facilities to affect the delivery of the water.</p> <p>Finally, the Project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) which exempts those activities for which it can be seen with certainty that there is no potential to result in significant environmental effects. The Project involves the transfer of an existing allocation of water within existing facilities.</p>
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Date: March 6, 2026

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Lance Eckhart, General Manager