



## Notice of Exemption

**To:** County Clerk  
County Of San Diego  
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**From:** San Diego County Water Authority  
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**Activity Title:** Exchange Water Delivery Agreement Between San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) and Eastern Municipal Water District

**Location - Specific:** Throughout the service area of the San Diego County Water Authority

**Location - City:** Various **Location - County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity:** This action is to authorize an agreement for long-term exchange of surplus water supplies to enhance reliability and meet water demands. The purpose of the agreement is to set the terms and conditions for water delivery and/or exchanges between the Water Authority and Eastern Municipal Water District. Deliveries and exchanges will be conducted through existing facilities and within all current operational protocols.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Diego County Water Authority

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Diego County Water Authority


**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. *State type and section number:*
- Statutory Exemption. *State code number:* Sec. 15378 (b)(5) Not a Project and 15061 (b)(3) Common Sense Exemption

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This Agreement is not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15378). The action is an agreement to authorize long-term exchange of surplus water supplies which will not result in a change or expansion of current use and would not result in any potential for a direct physical change in the environment. Additionally, this agreement is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "common sense exemption".

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