



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: Assignment of San Diego County Water Authority's (Water Authority) Semitropic Groundwater Banking Rights and Sale of Banked Water

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 an agreement with Westside Agriculture, LLC (Westside) to receive assignment of the Water Authority's recharge, recovery, and storage capacity in the Semitropic Water Bank and for sale of banked water.

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 assign recharge, recovery, storage capacity, and 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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