



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-06/16/2026-0537

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LEAD AGENCY SWEETWATER AUTHORITY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 06/16/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0537	
PROJECT TITLE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SWEETWATER AUTHORITY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-409-6823
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 505 GARRETT AVENUE	CITY CHULA VISTA	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 91910	
PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box) ☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity		

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	0.00
☒ Exempt from fee			
☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)			
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X *Steve Sangthai*

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, STEVE SANGTHAI, Deputy

Payment Reference #: ORDER#/AUTH# 222485839/082871



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Project Title

WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

Posted: 6/16/26

Filed by: Steve Sangthai

Deputy County Clerk

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation ☒ State Clearinghouse P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Name: Sweetwater Authority (Public Agency) Address: 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910 Telephone: 619-420-1413
☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: 1600 Pacific Hwy #260, San Diego, CA 92101	

1. Project Title:	Water Shortage Contingency Plan
2. Project Applicant (include address, telephone number and email address):	Sweetwater Authority ATTN: Israel Marquez, Land and Environmental Manager 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910 619-409-6823, imarquez@sweetwater.org
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The Water Shortage Contingency Plan is a planning document for the Sweetwater Authority and its Service Area, which includes western Chula Vista, National City, and the unincorporated communities of Bonita and Sunnyside, in San Diego County, CA.
4. (a) Project Location – City: Chula Vista, National City, and unincorporated communities of Bonita and Sunnyside	(b) Project Location – County: San Diego
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Preparation and adoption of a Water Shortage Contingency Plan, in compliance and consistent with the provisions of the California Urban Water Management Planning Act.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Sweetwater Authority
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Sweetwater Authority ATTN: Israel Marquez, Land and Environmental Manager 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910 619-409-6823, imarquez@sweetwater.org
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☒ Not a project.	(State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15050(c)(2)-(3), 15378)
(c) ☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

(e) ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☐ Other. Explanation:	(State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) Common Sense exemption)
9. Reason why project was exempt:	Per Section 10652 of the California Water Code, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of an urban water management plan or to the implementation of the actions taken pursuant to such plans. The Water Shortage Contingency Plan is a document mandated by the California Urban Water Management Planning Act.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Israel Marquez, Land and Environmental Manager 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910 619-409-6823, imarquez@sweetwater.org
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing.	
12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, the date of the public hearing was: June 10, 2026	

Date: June 15, 2026

Signature

Name: Xochitl Aranda, P.E.

Title: Director of Engineering and Operations

☒ Signed by Lead Agency☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

(Clerk Stamp Here)

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT

(Certificate of Determination
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	Water Shortage Contingency Plan	
2. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	Planning document applies to Sweetwater Authority's Service Area, which includes western Chula Vista, National City, and the unincorporated communities of Bonita and Sunnyside in San Diego County, CA.	
3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Sweetwater Authority	
	B. Other (Private)	
	(1) Name	
	(2) Address	
4. Staff Determination:		
The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:		
a. ☒	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
b. ☐	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
c. ☐	The project is an Emergency Project.	
d. ☐	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
e. ☐	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	
f. ☐	The project is statutorily exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption:	
g. ☐	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	
h. ☐	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.	
	Name of Lead Agency:	

Date: 6/15/2026

Staff: Israel Marquez, Land and Environmental Manager