

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	☒ Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM:	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road Santa Clarita, CA 91350
	☒ County Clerk/ Registrar-Recorder Los Angeles County 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Rm 2001 Norwalk, CA 90650		
	☒ County Clerk and Recorder Ventura County 800 S. Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009		

1.	Project Title:	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP).
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):	The Project concern the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's service area, which is located in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.
3.	(a) Project Location – City:	
	(b) Project Location – County:	Los Angeles and Ventura Counties
4.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	On June 9, 2026 and June 16, 2026 the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors approved a Resolution adopting the Agency's 2025 WSCP and a Resolution adopting the Agency's 2025 UWMP, respectively. The WSCP establishes the Agency's procedures for identifying, responding to, and managing water shortages, including shortage levels, demand-reduction actions, and communication protocols. UWMPs, which are prepared by urban water suppliers every five years per California Water Code, §10610-10656 and §10608, support the Agency's long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. The UWMP assesses the reliability of water sources over a 20-year planning time frame, describes demand management measures and water shortage contingency planning, reports progress toward meeting applicable urban water use objectives, and discusses the use and planned use of recycled water.
5.	Name of Public Agency approving project:	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350
6.	Name of Person or Agency carrying out project:	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
7.	Exempt status: (check one)	
	(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	
	(b) ☒ Not a project.	Public Resources Code § 21065 and CEQA Guidelines § 15378(a)
	(c) ☐ Emergency Project.	
	(d) ☐ Categorical Exemption.	

State type and class number:		
(e)	☐	Declared Emergency.
(f)	☒	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:
		California Water Code §10652
(g)	☐	Other. Explanation:
8.	Reason why project was exempt:	
		The Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Water Code section 10652, which provides that CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption of plans pursuant to the Urban Water Management Planning Act or to the implementation of actions taken pursuant to Water Code section 10632. The Project consists of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's adoption of its 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Accordingly, no further CEQA review is required for adoption of the 2025 UWMP and 2025 WSCP. Further, the resolutions and associated plans do not constitute a "project" as defined by Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a), because they do not commit the Agency to any current or future construction, development, or other activity that could result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.
9.	Contact Person:	Rick Vasilopoulos – Water Resources Planner
	Telephone:	(661) 705-7912
10.	Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.	

Signature: 

Date: June 22, 2026

Name: Sarah Fleury – Senior Water Resources Planner, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Date Received for Filing: _____	_____ Signature (Lead Agency Representative)
(Clerk Stamp Here)	_____ Title

PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT

(Certificate of Determination
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

11. Name or description of project:	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). UWMPs, which are prepared by urban water suppliers every five years per California Water Code, §10610-10656 and §10608, support the Agency's long-term resource planning to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. The UWMP assesses the reliability of water sources over a 20-year planning time frame, describe demand management measures and water shortage contingency plans, reports progress toward meeting a targeted 20 percent reduction in per-capita (per-person) urban water consumption, and discuss the use and planned use of recycled water.																		
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13. Entity or person undertaking project:	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">A.</td><td style="width: 15%;">Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency</td><td colspan="2"></td></tr> <tr> <td>B.</td><td>Other (Private)</td><td colspan="2"></td></tr> <tr> <td>(1)</td><td>Name</td><td style="width: 20%;"></td><td style="width: 20%;"></td></tr> <tr> <td>(2)</td><td>Address</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>			A.	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency			B.	Other (Private)			(1)	Name			(2)	Address		
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14. 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.																	
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Date: June 22, 2026

Staff: Sarah Fleury

RESOLUTION NO. SCV-533

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING THE 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the California Urban Water Management Planning Act (Wat. Code § 10610, et seq.) (Act) mandates that every urban supplier of water providing water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre feet of water annually, prepare, and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Act generally requires that said Plan be updated and adopted at least once every five years, on or before July 1, in years ending in six and one; and

WHEREAS, urban water suppliers are required to electronically submit their 2025 Plans to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Conservation Act of 2009 (Wat. Code § 10608 et seq.), also referred to as SB X7-7, an “urban retail water supplier” is defined as a water supplier that directly provides potable municipal water to more than 3,000 end users or that supplies more than 3,000 acre feet of potable water annually at retail for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) meets the definition of an urban retail water supplier for purposes of the Act and SB X7-7; and

WHEREAS, SCV Water has prepared its 2025 Plan in accordance with the Act and SB X7-7, and in accordance with applicable legal requirements, has undertaken certain coordination, notice, public involvement, public comment, and other procedures in relation to its 2025 Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act and SB X7-7, SCV Water has prepared its 2025 Plan with its own staff, with the assistance of consulting professionals, and in cooperation with other governmental agencies, and has utilized and relied upon industry standards and the expertise of industry professionals in preparing its 2025 Plan, and has also utilized DWR’s Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook 2025, including its related appendices, in preparing its 2025 Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable law, including Water Code section 10621(b), a Notice of Plan Preparation was sent to the counties and cities within which SCV Water provides water supplies at least 60 days before the required public hearing on the 2025 Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable law, including Water Code section 10642 and Government Code section 6066, a Notice of a Public Hearing regarding SCV Water’s 2025 Plan was sent to the counties and cities within which SCV Water provides water supplies and published within the jurisdiction of SCV Water on May 26, 2026 and June 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to Water Code section 10642, a public hearing was held via Zoom and in person on April 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM, or soon thereafter, in the E.G. “Jerry” Gladbach Water Treatment Plant Boardroom at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 as listed on the April 28, 2026 Board Agenda on SCV Water’s website, and a continuation of the public hearing was held via Zoom and in person on

June 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM, or soon thereafter, in the E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach Water Treatment Plant Boardroom at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 as listed on the June 9, 2026 Board Agenda on SCV Water's website in order to provide members of the public and other interested entities with the opportunity to be heard in connection with proposed adoption of the 2025 Plan and issues related thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said public hearing on SCV Water's 2025 Plan, SCV Water encouraged the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic members of the community within SCV Water's service area and encouraged community input regarding SCV Water's 2025 Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water Board of Directors) has reviewed and considered the purposes and requirements of the Act and SB X7-7, the contents of the 2025 Plan, and the documentation contained in the administrative record in support of the 2025 Plan, and has determined that the factual analyses and conclusions set forth in the 2025 Plan are legally sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the SCV Water Board of Directors desires to adopt the 2025 Plan prior to July 1, 2026 to comply with the Act and SB X7-7; and

WHEREAS, section 10652 of the California Water Code provides that the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) (CEQA) does not apply to the preparation and adoption of the 2025 Plan pursuant to this part.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency hereby resolves as follows:

1. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's 2025 Plan is hereby adopted as amended by changes incorporated by the SCV Water Board of Directors as a result of input received (if any) at the public hearing and filed with the Secretary of the Board.

2. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to include a copy of this Resolution in SCV Water's 2025 Plan.

3. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code sections 10621(d) and 10644(a)(2), to electronically submit a copy of the 2025 Plan to the DWR no later than July 1, 2026.

4. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code section 10644(a)(1), to submit a copy of the 2025 Plan to the California State Library, and any city or county within which SCV Water provides water supplies no later than thirty (30) days after this adoption date.

5. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code section 10645(a), to make the 2025 Plan available for public review at the SCV Water's offices during normal business hours or on the SCV Water's website no later than thirty (30) days after filing a copy of the Plan with DWR.

6. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code section 10635(c), to provide that portion of the 2025 Plan prepared pursuant to Water

Code Section 10635(a)-(b) to any city or county within which SCV Water provides water supplies no later than sixty (60) days after submitting a copy of the Plan with DWR.

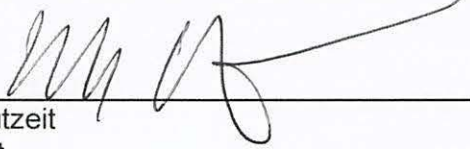
7. SCV Water Board of Directors finds and determines that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Water Code section 10652 because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of an urban water management plan.

8. Pursuant to CEQA, the SCV Water Board of Directors directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles and Ventura County Clerk's office within five (5) working days of adoption of this resolution.

9. The document and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which this resolution and the above findings have been based are located at Los Angeles County, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, and Ventura County, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1260. The custodian for these records is the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED this 16th day of June, 2026.

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY



Maria Gutzeit
President

ATTEST:



April Jacobs
Secretary of the Board

I, the undersigned, hereby certify: That I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and that at a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on June 16, 2026 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-533 was duly and regularly adopted by said Board, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adoption, and that it is now in full force and effect.

DATED: June 16, 2026



Secretary





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

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

01 — 6-22-26 —

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY

SCV Water

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

sfleury@scvwa.org

DATE

6-22-26

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Ventura

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

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CITY

Santa Clarita

STATE

Ca

ZIP CODE

91350

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		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Sarah Fleury - Senior Water Resources Planner