NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Unbalanced Exchange of State Water Project Table A Water between Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and Ventura County Watershed Protection District (SWPAO #19039)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's (SCVWA) turnout(s) at Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct and Ventura County Watershed Protection District's (VCWPD) turnout(s) at Reach 29 or Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct.

Location - County: Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

Description of Activity: Under the proposed water exchange between SCVWA and VCWPD, on behalf on VCWPD's member agency, United Water Conservation District (UWCD), DWR will deliver up to 2,000 acrefeet of SCVWA's approved 2019 SWP Table A water (2019 Table A Water) to VCWPD through December 31, 2019. In exchange, VCWPD will return to SCVWA, based on an unbalanced exchange ratio of 2 to 1, up to 1,000 acre-feet of UWCD's allocation of VCWPD's future approved SWP Table A water. That is, for every 2 acre-feet of SCVWA's 2019 Table A Water delivered to VCWPD, 1 acre-foot will be returned by VCWPD, on behalf of UWCD, to SCVWA by December 31, 2029.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: SCVWA (lead agency), and DWR (responsible agency)

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial
- □ Declared Emergency
- □ Emergency Project
- ☑ Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reason why activity is exempt:

- a. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
- d. The project is entirely within the SWP place of use.

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