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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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	Sacramento, CA 95814			
	Attn: State Clearinghouse			

1.	Project Title: Project Location: Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project: Name of Public Agency approving project:			Change in Point of Delivery of San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency's (SGPWA) 2019 State Water Project Carryover Water The project seeks a change in the Point of Delivery of up to 2,700 acre feet of SGPWA's 2019 State Water Project carryover water from the San Luis Reservoir in Merced County, California to the Bunker Hill Basin in San Bernardino County, California. The change in water delivery will be accomplished through the operation of existing facilities. The project entails a change in the Point of Delivery of up to 2,700 acre feet of SGPWA's 2019 State Water Project carryover water from the San Luis Reservoir in Merced County, California to the Bunker Hill Basin (an adjudicated basin) in San Bernardino County, California through the operation of existing facilities (the "Project").		
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3.			ature, purpose, and beneficiaries			
4.			Agency approving project:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency		
5.	Name	of Person	or Agency carrying out project:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency		
6.	Exempt status: (check one)					
	(a)		Ministerial project.			
	(b)		Emergency Project.			
	(c)	\boxtimes	Categorical Exemption. State type and class number:	State CEQA Guidelines § 15301 [Existing Facilities]; State CEQA Guidelines § 15304 [Minor Alterations to Land, Water, or Vegetation].		

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		In addition, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15304 because the Project will only involve a minor, temporary alteration of the condition of water, and it will not require the removal of any healthy, mature, scenic trees.		
	·	None of the exceptions enumerated in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to the Class 1 and Class 4 Exemptions applicable here; notably, the Project does not present any unusual circumstances; would not damage scenic resources, including any resources in the area of a Scenic Highway; would not be utilized on a hazardous waste site; and would not impact historic resources of any kind.		
		Finally, the Project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the exchange may have a significant impact on the environment. Implementation of the Project involves the transportation of water to which SGPWA is entitled via existing facilities. Moreover, SGPWA seeks to proceed with the Project because the San Luis Reservoir is nearly at capacity after an exceptionally wet February 2019; thus, the transportation of water from San Luis Reservoir to the Bunker Hill Basin will not cause a significant environmental impact relating to the San Luis Reservoir's water levels. Furthermore, no physical facilities will be constructed to produce or transport water because all such required facilities already exist. In addition, no new water production or transportation capacity is created by the Project, Beyond the foregoing, the Project does not constitute a new permanent source of water supply and will not result in any growth-inducing or cumulative environmental impacts. For all these reasons, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Project may have a significant impact on the environment.		
8,	Contact Person:	Jeff Davis, General Manager and Chief Engineer		
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Date Received for Filing: January John For Jeff Day's Jeff Day's Jeff Day's Jeff Manager and Chief Engineer (Clerk Stamp Here)				