



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Date: April 6, 2021

**Project Title:** “7 Sites” Bank Repairs

**Project Number (Zone 7):** n/a

**Project Location – Specific:** See site map, attached

**Project Location – City:** Pleasanton, Dublin

**Project Location – County:** Alameda

### Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) owns and maintains approximately 37 miles of engineered, modified, and natural channels throughout the Livermore-Amador Valley. The channels also play an integral role in local groundwater management and water supply. Zone 7’s maintenance program includes routine maintenance of, and repairs to, the flood protection facilities. Such activities are directed toward preventing minor problems from becoming major flooding problems, minimizing unnecessary damage to private property through proactive planning, preserving and maximizing flood carrying capacity of existing creeks and channels, and post-storm rehabilitation of damaged flood protection facilities. On occasion, bank repairs such as those defined herein are required to rehabilitate facilities following storm event in order to return the facilities to their expected level of service and safety.

This project involves seven bank repairs in the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, summarized below.

Site #	Waterbody (length of repair)	Nearest roadway
1) 873	Tassajara Creek (200 feet)	Owens Drive
2) 890	Tassajara Creek (90 feet)	Owens Drive
3) 891	Tassajara Creek (86 feet)	Owens Drive
4) 892	South San Ramon Creek (79 feet)	Amador Valley Blvd. /Iron Horse Trail
5) 893	South San Ramon Creek (40 feet)	Amador Valley Blvd. /Iron Horse Trail
6) 894	South San Ramon Creek (145 feet)	Amador Valley Blvd.
7) 895	Line G-1-1 (77 feet)	Johnson Drive

All repair work will be performed from the top of the bank. No equipment will be operated in the channel. Removal of the bank failure material will require an excavator. The repair areas shall be excavated to undisturbed bank material as determined onsite by the project engineer. The excavation shall continue below the channel bottom into deposited sediments to develop a shear key at the toe of the rebuilt bank. If needed, temporary cofferdams would be installed to divert water around the bank repair sites to avoid work in the wetted channel.

A silt fence will be installed at the toe of the slope to prevent loosened materials from being deposited into the waterway. A water truck will be onsite for dust control and to water the backfill material for compaction. The limits of the work area will be flagged in order to limit the area disturbed. Work will be done in compliance with applicable environmental regulatory permits, including a requirement for a pre-construction biological survey.

Completion of all the bank repairs is expected in 2021 or 2022, depending on contractor availability. All work will be performed in the dry season and all work will be complete by October 31st each season. The work will proceed from one site to another, possibly with two nearby sites being repaired simultaneously. To minimize impacts to nearby residents, construction will generally occur only during normal working hours, or 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or as allowed by city ordinance. All work will be done in accordance with applicable regulatory permit requirements including California Department of Fish and Game.

All equipment and construction would be staged on the access roads adjacent to the channel repairs. Stockpiled rock riprap would be stored at Zone 7's storage yard near Bernal Ave. in Pleasanton or in a vacant parcel owned by Zone 7 near El Charro Rd. in Livermore.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Zone 7 Water Agency

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Zone 7 Water Agency

**Exempt Status:** *(check one)*

- 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: Class 1 – Section 15301 and Class 2 - Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines as follows:

- 15301 Class 1 – Existing Facilities: “...Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination...”
- 15302 Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction: “...replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced...”

None of the conditions noted under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15300.2 (as revised) will occur. Furthermore, this project will not result in potential for significant environmental impacts because:

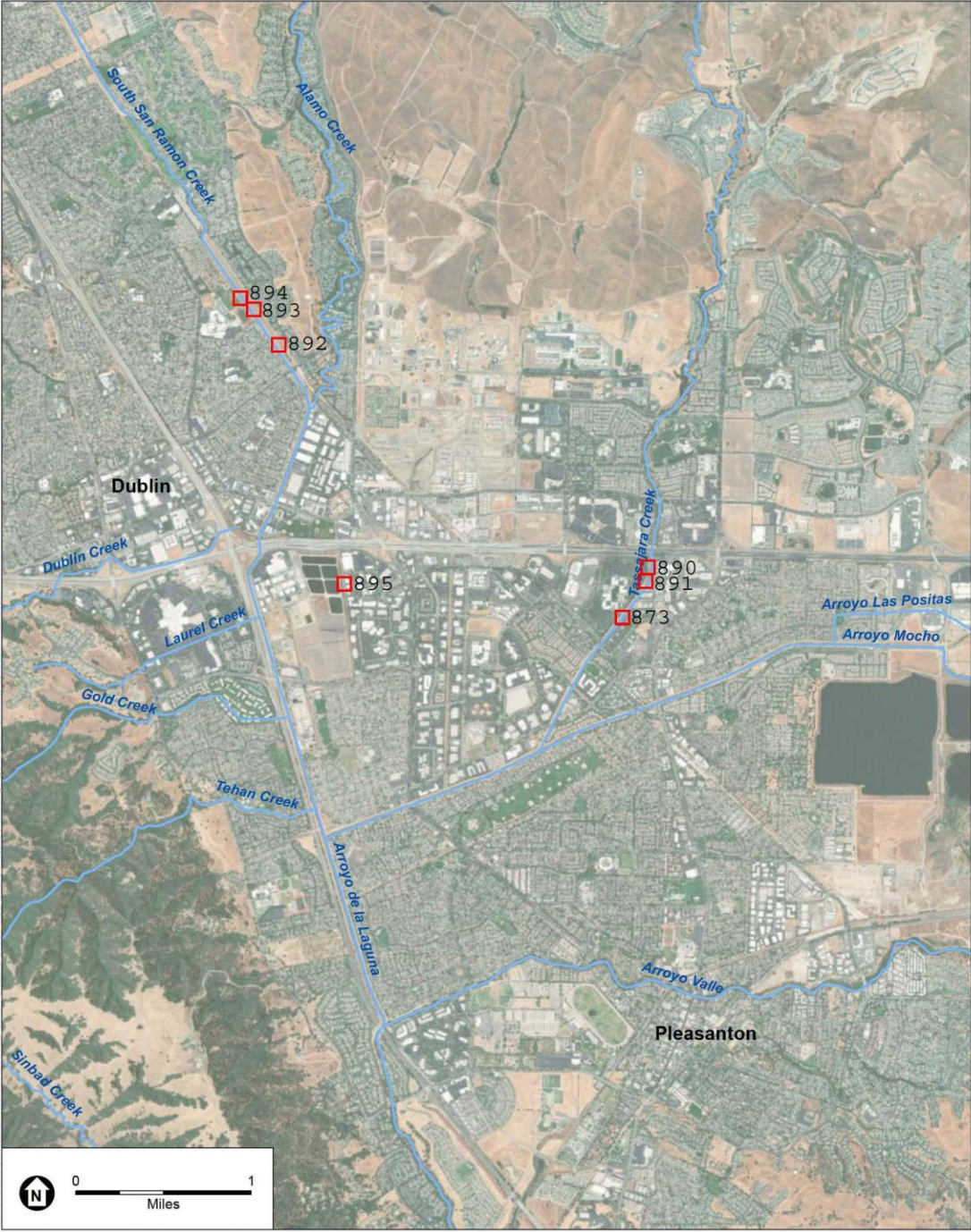
- The project site will look and function the same (or nearly) as it has in the past.
- Work will be limited to the smallest footprint practicable, and within any set limits in applicable regulatory permits.
- There will be no or minimal native ground disturbance.
- Work is within Zone 7's property and will have minimal construction-related nuisances to local residents, businesses, or recreational areas, such as disruptions to traffic and increased noise or dust, etc.
- Best Management Practices will be employed during construction to reduce the potential for localized erosion or impact to water quality.
- No impacts to sensitive habitat or wildlife are expected.
- Pre-construction biological surveys will be performed.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project could result in a significant impact.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Elke Rank                      **Area Code/Telephone/Ext:** 925-454-5005

<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Associate Water Resources Planner Zone 7 Water Agency

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Zone 7 Water Agency 2020-2021 Channel Bank Repairs