Notice of Exemption

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From: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
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Project Title: SFPP Carquinez Strait Pipeline Cover Restoration Project

Project Location - Specific: The pipeline corridor extends between Benicia and Martinez along the floor of the Carquinez Strait directly parallel to, and between, the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the Highway 680 Benicia-Martinez Bridge. The approximate geographic center of the Project is at latitude 38.042334, longitude -122.122500.

Project Location – City: Benicia/Martinez   **County:** Solano and Contra Costa

Description of Project: The Project will replenish protective rock cover over pipelines that extend along the floor of the Carquinez Strait. The pipelines are operated under a lease granted by the California State Lands Commission, which requires the pipelines to have at least five feet of cover.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kinder Morgan

Exempt Status: *(check one)*
☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(l); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: <u>Class 2 - Replacement and Reconstruction, Section 15302 (b)</u>
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
Project involves San Francisco Bay fill that is needed to maintain the integrity of an existing structure.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kathryn Hart, Kathryn.hart@waterboards.ca.gov

If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

X Yes   ☐ No

Signature: _____   Date: April 9, 2021

Title: Water Resource Control Engineer

X Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:_____