



Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY
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To: County Clerk, County of Alameda
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Date: February 24, 2023

Project Title: Nested Monitoring Well Construction

Project Location – Specific: Parking lot at northeastern portion of the Ken Mercer Sports Park, located at 5800 Parkside Dr, Pleasanton

Project Location – County: Alameda County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project The purpose of this project is to fill a data gap in the current groundwater monitoring network and act as a sentinel well for detection of potential PFAs (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination prior to it reaching Zone 7's Hopyard Wellfield.

This project involves drilling an exploratory boring to 800 feet below ground surface (bgs) and running a geophysical log to assess the lithology. Two 2-inch diameter PVC wells will be constructed within the exploratory boring at depths based on the lithology encountered. The work will be completed by a C-57 licensed driller using mud rotary drilling techniques. A support truck, mud shaker, and watertight roll-off bin to contain spoils will also be used during construction. The approximate amount of space needed for the job is 120 feet by 120 feet. After the wells are constructed, they will be developed to ensure communication with the aquifer. Each well in the nest will be fitted with a locking cap. The final well completion will consist of an approximately 18-inch diameter traffic rated cover that will be installed flush with the surrounding parking lot.

Zone 7 staff are coordinating with the City of Pleasanton parks department staff to minimize any inconvenience for public use of the park facilities. This includes coordination of set work areas, staging areas, and work hours. The park is adjacent to a residential neighborhood. The project will abide by the local noise ordinance and strict work start and stop times will be enforced.

The work is expected to take place around April 2023. Construction period should be about 21 days.

Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Zone 7 Water Agency

Project Manager: Colleen Winey, 925-454-5063

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. CEQA Guidelines Section **15303. NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF SMALL STRUCTURES**
- Statutory Exemptions

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

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

15303. NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF SMALL STRUCTURES. Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

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 sites will look and function the same (or nearly) as it has in the past.
- Work will be limited to the smallest footprint practicable.
- There will be no or minimal native ground disturbance.
- Work is within City of Pleasanton’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.
- City noise and traffic rules will be followed.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project could result in a significant impact.

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