

EAST PALO ALTO SANITARY DISTRICT



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

California Environmental Quality Act

To: County Clerk County of San Mateo 555 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063-1655	To: State of California Office of Planning & Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814	From: East Palo Alto Sanitary District Main Office 901 Weeks Street East Palo Alto, CA 94303
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Project Title: Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repair and Replacement Project

Project Location: The project is in the City of East Palo Alto, San Mateo County. The 9 pipeline repair segments are located under the following public streets: Bay Road, Runnymede Street, Clark Avenue, Green Street, Donohoe Street, Euclid Avenue, Pulgas Avenue, and Larkspur Drive (see attached Exhibit).

Project Description: The project is the emergency repair of approximately 10,000 linear feet of existing sanitary sewer pipelines. The existing sanitary system has old clay pipes that are failing in 9 segments. The specific sewer pipe segments are: on Bay Road, from Manhole (MH) B2 to MH T29; Runnymede Street from MH I35 to MH H76; Clark Avenue from MH H14 to MH H12 and MH H11 to MH H18; Green Street from MH E1 to MH H75; Beech Street from MH H4 to MH T19; Donohoe Street from MH D4 to MHD1; Euclid Avenue from MH D24 to MH D10; Pulgas Avenue from MH I15 to MH I14; and Larkspur Drive from MH L21 to MH K28.

These old pipes will be replaced with new plastic (PVC) pipes; the pipe sizes range from 12 inches to 26 inches in diameter, and run approximately 4 feet under the roads. In certain areas, manholes will also be replaced. The construction steps are: the identification of existing utilities by potholing (pressurized water and vacuum excavation); cutting of existing pavement; excavation of open trenches using excavators and backhoes; the cutting and removal of the old pipes; the addition of couplings and the installation of new pipes; backfill with sand and gravel; compaction; installation of new asphalt and slurry seal; and restriping. A traffic management plan will be implemented and the construction will follow all building codes and the conditions of the Encroachment Permit issued by the City of East Palo Alto Public Works Department.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: East Palo Alto Sanitary District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: East Palo Alto Sanitary District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption—CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. EXISTING FACILITIES.

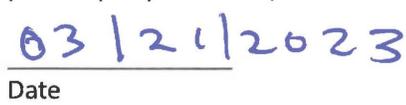
Reason Why Project is Exempt:

The Project is exempt because the CEQE Guidelines grant exemption to the repair of existing public utilities and to emergency projects, and also because the implementation of the Project will not have a significant physical effect on the environment. Conversely, if the repairs are not made, the failing sewer pipes could adversely affect the physical environment. Note that the pipeline repairs will occur only under existing paved roads and do not require the disturbance of natural habitats or tree removal. The resulting project will not be visible to the public. Existing ordinances, building codes, and the conditions of the Encroachment Permit will ensure that the repairs are made correctly, safely, and without significant traffic impacts, although temporary lane/road closures are required.

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