

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** County Clerk, County of Contra Costa  
555 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553

**FROM:** Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San)  
5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez, CA 94553 (925) 229-7255  
**LEAD AND APPROVING PUBLIC AGENCY; PROJECT APPLICANT;  
PARTY UNDERTAKING PROJECT**

**PROJECT TITLE:** 2023 Engineering Services

**PROJECT LOCATION-SPECIFIC:** Central San district-wide

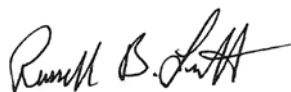
**PROJECT LOCATION-CITY AND COUNTY:** Central San district-wide, Contra Costa County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Six as-needed agreements were approved and executed in 2019 to provide as-needed collection system, treatment plant, and recycled water program support projected for a three-year period for the Planning & Applied Research and Special Projects & Asset Management groups. Some of these 2019 agreements have closed, and the remaining are expected to close by the end of Fiscal Year 2022-23. As-needed agreements optimize procurement and management of as-needed services through a consolidated list of pre-qualified consulting firms. These as-needed agreements are for specialized expertise and professional experience for a variety of tasks that enable staff to address ongoing needs. As-needed agreements are separate from individual consulting agreements typically issued by the Capital Projects Division for evaluating and designing large capital improvement projects. The as-needed agreements allow Central San staff to expedite and assign work to pre-qualified firms in an efficient and responsive manner through the issuance of a task order which defines their respective scope of work, project cost, and delivery schedule.

**EXEMPT STATUS:** CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** At its June 1, 2023, meeting, the Central San Board of Directors independently found this project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Central San's CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, since they allow for further planning and feasibility studies for possible future actions which Central San has not approved, adopted, or funded, and the outcome of these tasks will not have a legally binding effect on later activities. Approval of these actions will establish the Board's independent finding that these agreements are exempt from CEQA. Central San will conduct an environmental evaluation of any environmental-altering physical project that is proposed in the future as a result of these studies to determine the need for any additional CEQA documentation.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Russell B. Leavitt, (925) 229-7255



**NATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Environmental Coordinator

**DATE:** June 7, 2023