

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** NA

**Project Title:** Chesbro Reservoir Operation Strategy (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCL-17900-R3)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located on Llagas Creek, off Oak Glen Avenue in the City of Morgan Hill, County of Santa Clara. Latitude 37.1160, Longitude -121.6930.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SCL-17900-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Gregory Williams/Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water).

The project covers the ongoing operations of the Chesbro Reservoir.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1 consists of the 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 existing or former use. The types of “existing facilities” itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of and existing use.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services;

None of the conditions noted under CEQA 15300.2 apply.

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