

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research

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From: San Francisco Bay Regional  
Water Quality Control Board  
1515 Clay St., Ste. 1400  
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**Project Title:** Palo Alto Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital Outfall Rehabilitation Project

**Project Location - Specific:** 37.408438 latitude, -122.140195 longitude; Palo Alto VA Hospital at 3801 Miranda Ave, Palo Alto.

**Project Location - City:** Palo Alto **Project Location - County:** Santa Clara County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** During emergency cleanup of a fuel spill at the VA Hospital, excavation of contaminated soil exposed a storm drainpipe. The Project will replace the damaged outfall with a bioengineered outfall. The bioengineered outfall will be constructed of timbers and rock that will be overlain with soil and vegetated.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Veterans Administration

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080b(1); 15268);  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080b(3); 15269(a));  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080b(4); 15269(b)(c));  
 Categorical Exemption (State Type and Section Number): Class 1 – Existing Facilities (Section 15301)  
 Statutory Exemption (State Code Number): \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is consistent with a Class 1 categorical exemption under Section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines for 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

**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?  
 Yes  No

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Brian Wines **Telephone:** 510-622-5680

**Signature:** Brian K Wines **Date:** July 10, 2023 **Title:** Water Resource Control Engineer