

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County of: San Mateo

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**From:** (Public Agency): East Palo Alto Sanitary District  
2415 University Avenue  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

(Address)

Project Title: Alternative Proposal

Project Applicant: East Palo Alto Sanitary District

Project Location - Specific:

**Boundaries of EPASD - City of East Palo Alto and section of Menlo Park**

Project Location - City: East Palo Alto, Menlo Park Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Alternative Proposal to City of East Palo Alto LAFCo Proposal establishing EPASD as subsidiary of the City. EPASD is proposing that status quo is maintained as to its status as independent special district, and sewer service provider, and that its SOI is amended from zero to coterminous with its service boundaries.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Mateo LAFCo

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

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. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15378, 15320; 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:


The Sphere of Influence Amendment ("SOI Amendment"), is not a "project" subject to CEQA as there is no potential that it will result in either a direct physical change to the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change to the environment and because it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that merely authorizes a boundary change, but will not result in any direct or indirect changes to the environment. (Public Resources Code § 21065; State CEQA Guidelines § 15378.) Even if the SOI Amendment was considered a "project" subject to CEQA, it is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b)(3)-Common Sense Exemption as "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment" because there will be no reasonably foreseeable change in the types, intensity, and manner of service within the subject territory as a result of any approval and because no construction or other physical alteration of the environment is proposed.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Akin Okupe Area Code/Telephone/Extension: Tel : (650) 325-9021

**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

Signature:  Date: 9/18/2023 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_