



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

JAN 12 2024

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TO: X County Clerk
County of Sacramento

X Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: City of Sacramento
Community Development Department,
Planning Division
300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95811

ACTIVITY/PROJECT TITLE: Morrison Creek Levee Emergency Repair

ACTIVITY/PROJECT LOCATION: South side of the berm of Morrison Creek near the irrigation turnout west of I-5, located at the GPS coordinates of approximately 38.438261, -121.498247

CITY: Sacramento

COUNTY: Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY/PROJECT: The berm that separates Morrison Creek from Lower Beach Lake, Stone Lakes and Snodgrass Slough is failing at the location of a historical, unused irrigation culvert. The waterbody on the south side of the berm is the Sierra Pacific Railroad track borrow pit or the "SP Cut," which connects to Lower Beach Lake.

The purpose of this project is to repair the breached berm and stop water flow through the levee separating Morrison Creek from Lower Beach Lake or Stone Lakes. This is critical to allow continued function of Morrison Creek, Sump 90 and Regional San facilities during the remainder of winter and any periods of high flow or inundation. An access road must be constructed to bring an excavator onto the berm to conduct the repair. The existing bridge 500 feet upstream of the failure is narrow and does not have the weight capacity to allow an excavator like a CAT 336 to safely cross the bridge.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING ACTIVITY/PROJECT: City of Sacramento Department of Utilities, 1395 35th Avenue, Sacramento CA 95822

NAME OF PERSON/AGENCY CARRYING OUT ACTIVITY/PROJECT: Raymond Kong, Senior Engineer, City of Sacramento, 1395 35th Avenue, Sacramento CA 95822; Telephone (916) 808-1435; Email rkong@cityofsacramento.org

THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FINDS THAT THE ACTIVITY/PROJECT IS EXEMPT.

EXEMPT STATUS

The project is exempt as an emergency repair; as repair of an existing public facility, and as new construction. Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(2) and (4), CEQA Guidelines section 15269(b) and (c); CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15303.

REASONS WHY ACTIVITY/PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The flow of water from the south side of the berm of Morrison Creek has eroded the soils around the irrigation turnout west of I-5, located at the GPS

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coordinates of approximately 38.438261, -121.498247. This began as a very small leak around the culvert pipe that has increased in size and flow significantly over the last six weeks, mid-November to early January. City staff has noted that levee/creek bank soils are now significantly eroded, constituting a total berm failure, with the increased water flow from Morrison Creek freely flowing into the SP Cut/Snodgrass Slough and formation of sink holes around the historical culvert location on the berm. Sump 90, the pumping facility that discharges water from Morrison Creek to the Sacramento River, had been operating at much higher frequency and pumping volumes than normal due to the constant flow of water through the levee from the SP Cut. However, since approximately December 20<sup>th</sup>, the increased erosion and porosity of the berm caused the City to stop Sump operations and now water is backing up in Morrison Creek and/or flowing through/over the berm downstream to the SP Cut.

If the repair is not made, there will be numerous negative consequences — property damage, new flood risks, inability to manage levee and drainage facilities upstream, destruction of wildlife habitat including permit-mandated mitigation projects resulting in a significant economic cost, impacts to listed species habitat, significant impacts to the wastewater conveyance system for Sacramento County, loss of secondary access to the EchoWater Facility (the Regional wastewater treatment plant) and more localized impacts to property owners adjacent to Morrison Creek and Beach Lake. The berm will be repaired at the point of failure and its bank contours and footprint will match the existing berm slope and contour.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Scott Johnson, Senior Planner  
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**TELEPHONE:** (916) 808-5842

**SIGNED:** Scott Johnson

**DATED:** January 10, 2024

Sacramento County  
Donna Allred, Clerk/Recorder  
(916) 874-6334

Receipt#: 001515193  
1/12/2024 10:52:15 AM  
Order#: 20240005450 JBH

Description	Amount
Clerk - CEQA Filing	\$50.00
Document 20240021	
Notice of Exemption	
EIR Processing Fee	\$50.00

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Total Amount Due \$50.00  
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Payments:  
Check# 1070 \$50.00  
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Have a Nice Day!  
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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 34 — 01/12/2024 — 019  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY City of Sacramento Community Development Department, Planning Division	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 01/12/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Sacramento	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2024-0021	

PROJECT TITLE  
**Morrison Creek Levee Emergency Repair**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME City of Sacramento, Attn: Raymond Kong	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL rkong@cityofsacramento.org	PHONE NUMBER (916) 808-1435
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1395 35th Avenue	CITY Sacramento	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95822

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency  
  School District  
  Other Special District  
  State Agency  
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

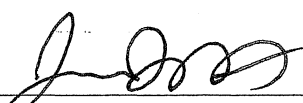
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	0.00

- Exempt from fee  
 Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash  
  Credit  
  Check  
  Other  
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Sacramento County Clerk/Recorder-Jacob Hermanson-Deputy Clerk
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