

**Public Notice**  
**Notice of Exemption**



**To:** Santa Clara County  
Clerks Office, Business Division  
70 West Hedding Street  
San Jose CA 95110

**From:** Santa Clara Valley Water District  
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**Project Title:** Mitigation and Stewardship Planting on Wildcat Creek at Harleigh Drive

**Project Location—Specific:** Wildcat Creek at Harleigh Drive

**Project Location-City:** Saratoga

**Project Location-County:** Santa Clara

**Project Purpose:** To mitigate for the removal of 10 hazardous blue gum eucalyptus trees.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)

**Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project:** Santa Clara Valley Water District

**Exempt Status:** (*check one*)

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(c)];
- Categorical Exemptions [§15304; Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land]
- Statutory Exemptions [*State code number*].

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The project qualifies for the following exemption:

Class 4 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15304: Minor Alterations to Land)

*Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.*

None of the exceptions noted under the CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply.

**Description of Project:**

The Project involves the planting of native trees, shrubs, and forbs beyond top of bank along Wildcat Creek on Valley Water property (APN 389-28-027), in the City of Saratoga. The planting area is approximately 0.01 acres. The Project is proposed to mitigate for the removal of 10 hazardous blue gum eucalyptus trees ranging between 18 - to 75-inch diameter at breast height (dbh) on Wildcat Creek at Harleigh Drive in the City of Saratoga. No vegetation or trees would be removed or trimmed as part of the Project.

Construction vehicles and equipment would include a skid-steer loader, dump truck, gas powered auger, water truck, and hand tools. Construction vehicles and equipment would access the site via locked gate off Harleigh Drive. No staging area would be required. Proposed work would be confined to the Project site on Valley Water property. Work would only occur Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**Lead Agency:** Santa Clara Valley Water District  
**Contact Person:** Lawrence Truong

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Cc: CEQA Administrative Record