



## Notice of Exemption

**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
*Submitted online*

**From:** ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY  
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**To:**  County Clerk, County of Alameda  
1106 Madison Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Date:** February 28, 2024

**Project Title:** Hopyard Pipeline – Test Station Installation Project

**Project Location – Specific:** Hopyard Road between Owens Court and Parkside Drive in Pleasanton, California.

**Project Location – County:** Alameda County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project will include five (5) individual small excavations, each approximately 6-feet by 8-feet, on Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. These test stations will allow Zone 7 to monitor corrosion over the pipeline to help determine when and where future repairs are needed. Work at each location will take approximately one week to complete. Traffic control will be provided during construction. Trench plating will be installed at the end of each work day. The completed excavation will be paved to match the existing street.

**Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project:** Zone 7 Water Agency

**Project Manager:** Athena Watson, 925-454-5030

**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. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions

### Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines as follows:

**15301. EXISTING FACILITIES.** 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.

None of the conditions noted under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15300.2 (as revised) will occur. Furthermore, this project will not result in potential for significant environmental impacts because:

- Work will be limited to the smallest footprint practicable.
- Work is within an existing road right-of-way
- No impacts to sensitive habitat or wildlife are expected.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project could result in a significant impact.

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