

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Dublin San Ramon Services District
7051 Dublin Boulevard
Dublin, California 94568

County Clerk
County of: Alameda

(Address)

Project Title: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Fencing and Security - Phase 2 (CIP 19-P003)

Project Applicant: Dublin San Ramon Services District

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Project Location - Specific:

7399 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, California 94588

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Project Location - City: Pleasanton

Project Location - County: Alameda

MELISSA WILK, County Clerk

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

By [Signature] Deputy

This project will improve security along the District's Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (RWTF) perimeter. The Project consists of the replacement of the existing fence with an 8-foot tall vinyl coated fence along the south, west, and north borders of the RWTF. It will also include screening landscaping where space permits. Fencing and landscaping along the eastern border of the RWTF was completed in conjunction with the construction of the fourth digester in 2019. See Attachment 1 for additional information.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Dublin San Ramon Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dublin San Ramon Services 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: §15301: Existing Facilities; §15302: Replacement or Reconstruction
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will improve security along the District's Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (RWTF) perimeter. The Project consists of the replacement of the existing fence with an 8-foot tall vinyl coated fence along the south, west, and north borders of the RWTF. These improvements will not constitute an expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose as the existing fencing. The project, therefore, is exempt from CEQA since it falls within one or more of the following categorical exemptions allowed under the CEQA guidelines: Class 1 under §15301 (Existing Facilities) and Class 2 under §15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rudy Portugal

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 875-2251

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: [Signature] Date: 6/7/24 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:

**DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION
FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

Project Title: Wastewater Treatment Plant Fencing and Security - Phase 2 (CIP 19-P003)
Project Location(s): 7399 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, California (APN: 941-1300-1-17)
City and County: City of Pleasanton, County of Alameda

Description of Nature and Purpose of Project:

The District's Board of Directors approved the District's Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") Ten-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2033 ("CIP Plan") on June 20, 2023 and includes the WWTP Fencing and Security - Phase 2 (CIP 19-P003) ("Project").

This project will improve security along the District's Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (RWTF) perimeter. See attached Location Map (Exhibit 1). The Project consists of the replacement of the existing fence with an 8-foot tall vinyl coated fence along the south, west, and north borders of the RWTF. It will also include screening landscaping where space permits. Fencing and landscaping along the eastern border of the RWTF was completed in conjunction with the construction of the fourth digester in 2019.

Name of Person, Board, Commission or Department Proposing to Carry Out Project:

Dublin San Ramon Services District

Exempt Status (See Attached Pages for Detailed Analysis):

- Ministerial (PRC 21080; 14 CCR §15268)
- Declared Emergency (PRC 21080; 14 CCR §15269)
- Emergency Project (PRC 21080; 14 CCR §15269)
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption (14 CCR §15261(b)(3)).
- Statutory Exemption (14 CCR §15282; §PRC 21080.21)
- Categorical Exemption (PRC 21084; 14 CCR §15300- §15333):

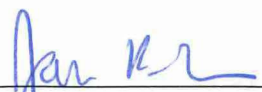
14 CCR Class 1, §15301: Existing Facilities; 14 CCR Class 2 §15302: Replacement or Reconstruction; the exceptions listed in 14 CCR §15300.2 do not apply to the Project.

Contact Person: Rudy Portugal

Telephone: (925) 875-2251

Certification

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.



Jan R. Lee, General Manager
Dublin San Ramon Services District

6/7/24

Date

EXEMPT STATUS:

The Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA because it falls under the following **Categorical Exemptions**:

Class 1, §15301 Existing Facilities.

The Class 1 exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 allows 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 existing or former use. The Project will improve security along the RWTF perimeter. The Project consists of the replacement of the existing fence with an 8-foot tall vinyl coated fence along the south, west, and north borders of the RWTF. These improvements will not constitute an expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose as the existing fencing.

Class 2, 14 CCR §15302 Replacement or Reconstruction.

The Class 2 exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 allows for the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The Project will improve security along the RWTF perimeter. The Project consists of the replacement of the existing fence with an 8-foot tall vinyl coated fence along the south, west, and north borders of the RWTF. These improvements will not constitute an expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose as the existing fencing.

Exceptions to Use of Categorical Exemptions (14 CCR §15300.2)

This analysis also considered whether the Project is subject to any of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 on the use of categorical exemptions. This section prohibits the use of categorical exemptions when the Project falls under one or more of the categories listed below:

- §15300.2(a): For certain classes of projects (Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11), due to the location of the Project, may impact an environmental resource or hazardous or critical concern;
- §15300.2(b): When the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant;
- §15300.2(c): Where there is a reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;
- §15300.2(d): Where the Project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway;
- §15300.2(e): Where the Project is located on a state designated hazardous waste site; and
- §15300.2(f): Where the Project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

These exceptions above do not apply to the Project. The findings with respect to each exception is provided below:

- §15300.2(a): The Project is not located in an area of sensitive or hazardous or critical concern.
- §15300.2(b): There is no evidence of a potential significant cumulative impact because successive projects of the same type in the same place have not been approved and are not currently proposed.
- §15300.2(c): The Project site is surrounded by urban development and not located within a sensitive resource area. Thus, the Project will not result in any significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

- §15300.2(d): Though the Project site is located adjacent to a designated scenic highway, the Project will not result in any damages to any scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources. This exception does not apply.
- §15300.2(e): This exception does not apply because the Project is not located on a state-designated hazardous waste site.
- §15300.2(f): This exception does not apply because the Project does not directly affect any historical resource, nor is the Project site located adjacent to a historical resource.

Exhibit 1

Dublin San Ramon Services District
Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility
7399 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, California 94588

