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Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - Filing Fee (new project)
 - Previously Paid F&W (**must attach F&W receipt and project titles must match**)
 - No Effect Determination (**F&W letter must be attached**)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
 - Filing Fee (new project)
 - Previously Paid F&W (**must attach F&W receipt and project titles must match**)
 - No Effect Determination (**F&W letter must be attached**)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

1. LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: patty.boonlue@vta.org
3. PROJECT TITLE: Traction Power Substation Replacement FY22/23 (Phase 4)
4. APPLICANT NAME: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) PHONE: 408-321-5821
5. APPLICANT EMAIL: patty.boonlue@vta.org
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 3331 N 1st Street B-2, San Jose, CA 95134
7. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity
8. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 30 DAYS.

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Santa Clara

From: (Public Agency): VTA
3331 N 1st Street B-2
San Jose CA 95134 ATTN: Patty Boonlue

(Address)

Project Title: Traction Power Substation Replacement FY22/23 (Phase 4)

Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

Project Location - Specific:

Along VTA's light rail track running through San Jose and Sunnyvale

Project Location - City: San Jose, Sunnyvale Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will replace seven existing light rail traction power substations with newer and more efficient substations of similar capacity. The purpose of the Project is to help VTA maintain the light rail system in a state of good repair. The Project is needed because seven traction power substations are reaching the end of their useful life of 25 to 30 years.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

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: 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

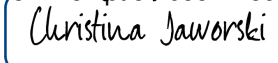
Reasons why project is exempt:

This Categorical Exemption refers to "Replacement or Reconstruction", which "consists of 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 replace". CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 applies because the Project involves the replacement of existing substation structures with new substations at the same site with the same purpose and capacity.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Patty Boonlue Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 408-321-5821

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: 6/7/2024 Title: Environmental Programs 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: _____