

# \*ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION

(CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 711.4)

## LEAD AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS

City of Dublin Public Works Department  
100 Civic Plaza  
Dublin, CA 94568

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#### 1. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION / STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION

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B - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

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## Notice of Exemption

<b>Date</b>	June 26, 2024
<b>To</b>	Office of Planning and Research Alameda County Clerk
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Dublin Green Stormwater Infrastructure Project (“project”)</b>
<b>Project Application Number</b>	ST0121
<b>Project Location</b>	The project site is located south of Amador Valley Boulevard and west of the Heritage Commons neighborhood. The project site is within a City-owned parcel (APN# 941-2768-006-02) in the City of Dublin, CA, in Alameda County.
<b>State Clearinghouse Number</b>	
<b>Project Applicant</b>	City of Dublin
<b>Contact</b>	Laurie Sucgang, P.E. City of Dublin Public Works Department 100 Civic Plaza Dublin, CA 94568 Phone: (925) 833-6630 <a href="mailto:laurie.sucgang@dublin.ca.gov">laurie.sucgang@dublin.ca.gov</a>
<b>Brief Project Description</b>	<p>The City proposes to replace the existing drainage system with new green stormwater infrastructure to improve the quality of stormwater effluent. The existing drainage system currently collects stormwater from the Heritage Commons neighborhood and discharges it without treatment via an outfall to Alamo Creek. The project would re-route stormwater discharge from the Heritage Commons neighborhood through a new bio retention area before discharging to South San Ramon Creek. A bio retention facility would be installed to improve the quality of stormwater effluent and slow the rate of discharge into South San Ramon and Alamo Creeks.</p> <p>The proposed storm drain system would consist of approximately 535 linear feet of new 30-inch HDPE storm drain pipe and six new manholes. The new system would connect an existing drainage inlet located at the discharge point of the Heritage Commons neighborhood with a proposed network of drainage pipes connecting to the proposed bio retention facility.</p>

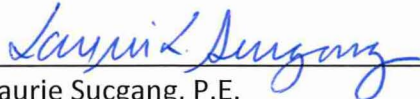
<b>Brief Project Description continued</b>	A new 15-inch reinforced concrete storm drain pipe would convey treated stormwater from the proposed bio retention facility approximately 60 feet to the existing storm drain which outfalls into South San Ramon Creek. The proposed bio retention facility would feature two drain inlets per the City's Standard Details, perforated PVC storm drain pipe, clean outs, subdrains, and a riprap apron at the bio retention outfall.
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In accordance with State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, and the Dublin CEQA Guidelines & Procedures, the City approved the above-named project on June 25, 2024 after determining that the project is exempt from CEQA under the following category:

- Categorical Exemption. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction), Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemption.
- General exemption. CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)

The maintenance of the existing storm drain system and connection of the existing system to the proposed new facilities qualifies for an exemption under Class 1(b), which applies to "existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services." The proposed replacement of parts of the existing storm drainage system with new green stormwater infrastructure qualifies for an exemption under Class 2(c), which applies to "replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity." Proposed facilities include approximately 535 linear feet of new 30-inch HDPE storm drain pipe and six new storm drain manholes. The Class 3 exemption includes "construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures." The project is consistent with the Class 3 exemption because the project will include construction of a new bio retention facility and associated outlet pipe which will convey treated stormwater from the proposed facility to the existing storm drain system. Project construction activities including excavation, trenching, minor grading and clearing, and soil placement and compaction qualify for an exemption under Class 4, which applies to "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 and agricultural purposes." The project will include avoidance and minimization measures to avoid potential impacts to one special-status plant species (Congdon's tarplant), and one special-status wildlife species (white-tailed kite), with potential to be found on the project site. The project would not trigger any exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as stated in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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