



Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Project Title: PPWTP Coagulant Tanks Replacement and Sodium Hypochlorite Tank Repair

Project Location – Specific: Paterson Pass Water Treatment Plant, 8750 Patterson Pass Rd, Livermore, CA 94550

Project Location – County: Alameda County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of removal and disposal of two existing steel coagulant tanks at Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant, and replacement with new fiber-reinforced plastic (FRP) tanks with new appurtenances and piping modifications as necessary. The new FRP storage tanks will be anchored within the existing concrete secondary containment structure. Additional work will include internal repairs to two existing FRP tanks for sodium hypochlorite.

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

Project Manager: Junming Li, 925-454-5017

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; 15302. Replacement or reconstruction.
- 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.

15302. REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION. 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.

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 existing private property at the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant, and within the footprint of existing structures and roads.
- 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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