

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research

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From: San Francisco Bay Regional  
Water Quality Control Board  
1515 Clay St., Ste. 1400  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Project Title:** Castro Valley Creek Stabilization at Madison Ave Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Lat. 37.717945; Long. -122.065417; 17627 Madison Ave, Castro Valley.

**Project Location - City:** Castro Valley **Project Location - County:** Alameda County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** A headcut in the Creek is threatening the residence east of the Creek. The Project will stabilize the Creek using biotechnical engineering. The project will construct boulder step-pools, vegetated soil lifts, and cribwalls.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Evan Lyall

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080b(1); 15268);  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080b(3); 15269(a));  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080b(4); 15269(b)(c));  
 Categorical Exemption (State Type and Section Number): Class 3 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects (Section 15333)  
 Statutory Exemption (State Code Number): \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is consistent with a Class 33 categorical exemption under Section 15333 (d) (5) of the CEQA guidelines for stream or river bank stabilization with native vegetation or other bioengineering techniques, the primary purpose of which is to reduce or eliminate erosion and sedimentation.

**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

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Brian Wines **Telephone:** 510-622-5680

**Signature:** Brian Wines **Date:** August 28, 2024 **Title:** Water Resource Control Engineer