

# 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:** Brackish Water Desalination Plant Feasibility Study Field Investigations

**Project Location - Specific:** Lat. 37.422243; Long. -121.971786; 10.33-acre area along the Guadalupe River, in the Alviso area of San Jose, CA

**Project Location - City:** San Jose **Project Location - County:** Santa Clara County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** San Jose Water is exploring the feasibility of a future brackish desalination water treatment plant located in northern San Jose. A desktop study identified a tidal creek site at Guadalupe River as having favorable hydrogeological conditions, as a result, wells are proposed to be installed to determine site suitability for a future brackish desalination water treatment plant in this location.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Jose Water

**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 6 – Information Collection (Section 15306)  
 Statutory Exemption (State Code Number): \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Proposed Project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6 (Information Collection).

**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

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**Signature:** Brian Wines **Date:** 9/17/2024 **Title:** Water Resource Control Engineer