

Public Notice
Notice of Exemption



To: Santa Clara County
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From: Santa Clara Valley Water District
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Project Title: Guadalupe River at W San Carlos Street Gabion Repair Geotechnical Investigation

Project Location—Specific: Guadalupe River at W San Carlos Street

Project Location-City: San Jose

Project Location-County: Santa Clara

Project Purpose: To collect data on the sub-surface condition of the existing top of bank.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)

Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(c)];
- Categorical Exemptions [§15306; Class 6, Information Collection]
- Statutory Exemptions [*State code number*].

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project qualifies for the following exemption:

Class 6 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15306: Information Collection)

Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

None of the exceptions noted under the CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply.

Description of Project:

The Project involves up to two (2) geotechnical borings located along the pedestrian trail under the W San Carlos Street bridge in the City of San Jose. Valley Water Operations & Maintenance staff identified a failed section of gabion baskets protecting a depressed pedestrian trail along the east bank of Guadalupe River under the W San Carlos Street bridge in the City of San Jose. There is the potential for localized flooding and damage to surrounding areas if the gabion baskets degrade further during significant rain events. The purpose of the Project is to collect data on the sub-surface condition of the existing top of bank for the repair or replacement of approximately 100 linear feet along the pedestrian trail.

The borings would be drilled to maximum depths of approximately 35 feet. Soil samples would be collected using a combination of standard penetration tests and Modified California split-spoon

samplers at 5- and 15-foot depth intervals. The field engineer would monitor soil cuttings. The borings would be approximately up to 5-inches in diameter and drilling would be done using 4- to 6-inch solid flight augers.

Following completion of the geotechnical investigation, the borings would be backfilled and the ground surface returned to pre-investigation conditions. The drill cuttings would be collected and disposed of at an approved landfill.

As the borings would be located along the concrete paved pedestrian trail and away from vegetation and trees, species of concern or critical habitat would not be expected to be present. No vegetation or trees would be removed or trimmed as part of the Project. Valley Water's standard Best Management Practices (BMPs), including a pre-work nesting bird survey, have been incorporated into the Project.

Construction vehicles and equipment would include a truck and trailer. Construction vehicles and equipment would access the site via W San Carlos Street. Staging would be confined to the Project site on Valley Water property. Work would only occur Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Project would be completed in approximately one business day.

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Cc: CEQA Administrative Record