

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Clara

110 West Tasman Drive, 1st Floor

San Jose, CA 95134

From: (Public Agency): Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
33 Las Colinas Lane
San Jose, CA 95119

(Address)

Project Title: Steppingstone Wetland Enhancement Project

Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Project Location - Specific:

APN = 70830018; Coordinates = 37.212876, -121.753542; Laguna Seca wetland, imm

Project Location - City: San Jose

Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will investigate and decommission subsurface agricultural drains believed to be draining groundwater away from Laguna Seca, through targeted excavation. Two beaver dam analogs will be built from locally collected natural materials and installed in an artificial channel draining the wetland area. These actions will increase the amount of water retained and the duration of inundation in Laguna Seca to benefit aquatic species.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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. State type and section number: Class 33, Section 15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is a small habitat restoration project not exceeding five acres in size. All project activities are beneficial interventions designed to restore and enhance natural resources and wetland habitat previously degraded by human activities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rachel Clemons Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 669-210-9161

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

Signature: Rachel Clemons Date: 10/17/2024 Title: Watershed Restoration Specialist

■ Signed by Lead Agency ■ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____