

*ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION

(CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 711.4)

LEAD AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS

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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Dublin San Ramon Services District
7051 Dublin Boulevard
Dublin, California 94568

County Clerk
County of: Alameda

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Project Title: Turnout 6 Pipeline Geotechnical Investigations

Project Applicant: Dublin San Ramon Services District

MELISSA WILK County Clerk
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Project Location - Specific:

3100 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA, east of Lockhart St. and directly south of Highway 580

Project Location - City: Dublin Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Dublin San Ramon Services District is proposing a geotechnical field investigation program consisting of up to 3 geotechnical borings to support the design of a new turnout connection from the Alameda County Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) Cross Valley Pipeline to the District's potable water system. Two geotechnical borings are proposed on the Kaiser property, the third geotechnical boring is proposed south of Highway 580. Each boring will be between 6 and 8 inches in diameter and 30 feet deep.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Dublin San Ramon Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dublin San Ramon Services District

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: 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land and 15306 - Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

The DSRSD finds that the Project activities fall within the Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, Class 4 and Section 15306, Information Collection, Class 6 exemptions. The Project involves a limited number of minor, temporary, and localized alterations in the condition of land and vegetation for the purposes of data collection, with no removal of any healthy, mature, scenic trees and no serious or major disturbances to any environmental resources. The borings will be backfilled with cement grout upon completion. None of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines apply. As a result, the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jason Ching Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 875-2263

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:  Date: 10/25/24 Title: General Manager

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: _____



**DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION
FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

Project Title: Turnout 6 Pipeline Geotechnical Investigations
 Project Location(s): 3100 Dublin Avenue, Dublin, California (APN: 985-27-20)
 Lockhart Street, Dublin, California (APN: 985-27-22)
 3300 Stoneridge Creek Way, Pleasanton, California (APN: 946-4623-9-4)
 City and County: City of Dublin, County of Alameda

Description of Nature and Purpose of Project:

The District's Board of Directors approved the District's Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") Ten-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2033 ("CIP Plan") on June 20, 2023 and includes the Turnout 6 Project (CIP 20-W015) ("Project").

The scope of the work includes a geotechnical investigation program to support the design of a new turnout connection from the Alameda County Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) Cross Valley Pipeline to the District's potable water system. Two geotechnical borings are proposed on the Kaiser property, the third geotechnical boring is proposed in the Zone 7 easement on the south of Highway 580. See attached Location Map (Exhibit 1). Each boring will be between 6 and 8 inches in diameter and 30 feet deep.

Name of Person, Board, Commission or Department Proposing to Carry Out Project:

Dublin San Ramon Services District

Exempt Status (See Attached Pages for Detailed Analysis):

- Ministerial (PRC 21080; 14 CCR §15268)
- Declared Emergency (PRC 21080; 14 CCR §15269)
- Emergency Project (PRC 21080; 14 CCR §15269)
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption (14 CCR §15261(b)(3)).
- Statutory Exemption (14 CCR §15282; §PRC 21080.21)
- Categorical Exemption (PRC 21084; 14 CCR §15300- §15333):

14 CCR Class 4, §15304: Minor Alterations to Land; 14 CCR Class 6 §15306: Information Collection; the exceptions listed in 14 CCR §15300.2 do not apply to the Project.

Contact Person: Jason Ching

Telephone: (925) 875-2263

Certification

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.



 Jan R. Lee, General Manager
 Dublin San Ramon Services District

10/25/24

 Date

EXEMPT STATUS:

The Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA because it falls under the following **Categorical Exemptions:**

Class 4, §15304 Minor Alterations to Land.

The Class 4 exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The Project consists of three geotechnical borings to inform the design of the new Turnout 6 connection from the Alameda County Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) Cross Valley Pipeline to the District's potable water system. Each boring will be between 6 and 8 inches in diameter and 30 feet deep. About one-third of a cubic yard of soil will be generated from each boring. Upon completion of drilling, each borehole will be filled with cement grout per the conditions of the Zone 7 drilling permit and the area disturbed will be restored.

Class 6, 14 CCR §15306 Information Collection.

The Class 6 exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 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. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The Project consists of the replacement of the existing sodium hypochlorite facilities at the WWTP. The Project consists of three geotechnical borings to inform the design of the new Turnout 6 connection from the Zone 7 Cross Valley Pipeline to the District's potable water system. Each boring will be between 6 and 8 inches in diameter and 30 feet deep to determine the soil parameters for the design of the new connection.

Exceptions to Use of Categorical Exemptions (14 CCR §15300.2)

This analysis also considered whether the Project is subject to any of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 on the use of categorical exemptions. This section prohibits the use of categorical exemptions when the Project falls under one or more of the categories listed below:

- §15300.2(a): For certain classes of projects (Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11), due to the location of the Project, may impact an environmental resource or hazardous or critical concern;
- §15300.2(b): When the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant;
- §15300.2(c): Where there is a reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;
- §15300.2(d): Where the Project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway;
- §15300.2(e): Where the Project is located on a state designated hazardous waste site; and
- §15300.2(f): Where the Project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

These exceptions above do not apply to the Project. The findings with respect to each exception is provided below:

- §15300.2(a): The Project is not located in an area of sensitive or hazardous or critical concern.
- §15300.2(b): There is no evidence of a potential significant cumulative impact because successive projects of the same type in the same place have not been approved and are not currently proposed.
- §15300.2(c): The Project site is surrounded by urban development and not located within a sensitive resource area. The Kaiser property does contain undisturbed land. The borings on the Kaiser property

have been sited to avoid any potential effects to special status species. Thus, the Project will not result in any significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

- §15300.2(d): Though the Project site is located adjacent to an eligible scenic highway, the Project will not result in any damages to any scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources. This exception does not apply.
- §15300.2(e): This exception does not apply because the Project is not located on a state-designated hazardous waste site.
- §15300.2(f): This exception does not apply because the Project does not directly affect any historical resource, nor is the Project site located adjacent to a historical resource.

Exhibit 1

Dublin San Ramon Services District
Turnout 6 Pipeline Geotechnical Investigations
3100 Dublin Avenue and directly south of Highway 580

