

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Calero Dam Seismic Retrofit Geotechnical Investigation (Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS-SCL-54228-R3)

Project Location: The project is located around Calero Reservoir and dam, 12 miles south of the city of San Jose, Santa Clara County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement. EPIMS-SCL-54228-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Abby Annicchiarico/Valley Water.

The purpose of the project is to supplement the Calero Dam Seismic Retrofit project by performing 15 test pits, 10 vertical boreholes and one borehole to collect samples of soil and rock and test for hazardous materials around Calero dam and reservoir. Boreholes will be drilled 325 feet deep, test pits will be excavated 15 feet deep, and all holes and pits would be backfilled and restored.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4, “Minor Alterations to Land”; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304, and Class 6, “Information Collection”; California Code of Regulations title 14 section 15306

Reasons why project is exempt: The project falls under a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Class 4 and Class 6. The ground disturbing activities are temporary, intend on being restored, and will account for 0.83 acres, and testing is for informational purposes for the seismic retrofit project which has not yet been adopted.

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