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- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Filing Fee (new project)
 - Previously Paid F&W (**must attach F&W receipt and project titles must match**)
 - No Effect Determination (**F&W letter must be attached**)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
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 - No Effect Determination (**F&W letter must be attached**)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

1. LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clara Valley Water District
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: ltruong@valleywater.org
3. PROJECT TITLE: East Ross Creek Willow Tree Removal
4. APPLICANT NAME: Lawrence Truong PHONE: (408) 630-2916
5. APPLICANT EMAIL: ltruong@valleywater.org
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118
7. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity
8. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 35 DAYS.

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

Public Notice
Notice of Exemption



To: Santa Clara County
Clerks Office, Business Division
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose CA 95110

From: Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose CA 95118-3686
Telephone (408) 265-2600

Project Title: East Ross Creek Willow Tree Removal

Project Location—Specific: East Ross Creek behind 141 Fairmead Lane

Project Location-City: Los Gatos

Project Location-County: Santa Clara

Project Purpose: To provide access, to prevent subsequent erosion to the easterly bank of East Ross Creek, and to protect public and private property and public safety.

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 [§15304; Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land]
- Statutory Exemptions [*State code number*].

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

Class 4 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15304: Minor Alterations to Land)

Class 4 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.

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

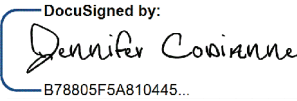
Description of Project:

The Project involves the removal of a 16-inch DBH Willow tree on Valley Water fee title property (APN 523-07-006) in the Town of Los Gatos. The Willow tree is in the channel adjacent to the west bank toe on East Ross Creek. The stump and roots of the tree would remain in place. All cut material would be removed and disposed of off-site. No construction vehicles or equipment would be in the channel to perform proposed work. Valley Water’s standard Best Management Practices would be incorporated into the Project. The Project is proposed to provide access, to prevent subsequent erosion to the easterly bank of East Ross Creek, and to protect public and private property and public safety.

Construction vehicles and equipment would include a mini-excavator, Bobtail dump truck, and crew truck. Construction vehicles and equipment would access the site via a private road north of 111 Fairmead Lane, and through the maintenance road adjacent to Ross Creek. Staging would be confined to Valley Water easement property (APN 523-07-042). Work would only occur Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Project would be completed in approximately 10 business days.

Lead Agency: Santa Clara Valley Water District
Contact Person: Lawrence Truong

Area Code/Telephone/Extension
(408) 630-2916

Signature:  _____
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Date: 1/2/2025 _____

Title: Jennifer Codianne
Deputy Operating Officer
Watershed Operations and Maintenance Division

Cc: CEQA Administrative Record