

Public Notice
Notice of Exemption



To: County of Santa Clara
Clerk-Recorder's Office
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San Jose CA 95134

From: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)
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Project Title: Security Upgrades and Enhancements Project

Project Location - Specific: Work will be conducted at six Valley Water facilities:

- Coyote Pumping Plant – 18300 Peet Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
- Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant – 7011 Graystone Lane, San Jose, CA 95120
- Winfield Complex – 5905 Winfield Boulevard, San Jose, CA 95123
- Headquarters, Corporate Yard – 5770 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95120
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center – 4190 Zanker Road, San Jose, CA 95134
- Blossom Hill Annex – 1020 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118

Project Location - City: San Jose and Morgan Hill

Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Project Purpose: The Project will improve site security at six Valley Water facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Valley Water

Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project: Valley Water

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 [§15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities and §15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction"]
- Statutory Exemptions [*State code number*].

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15301 and §15302:

Class 1 (Existing Facilities) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Class 1 includes minor additions to existing structures and infrastructure.

Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

None of the applicable exceptions noted under the CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 exist.

Description of Project:

The proposed Project would improve site security at six Valley Water facilities by replacing and improving existing chain link security fencing. All staging areas would be located on paved or previously disturbed gravel and dirt areas at each site. Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been incorporated into the Project. Work at each site would be completed in approximately one month and would occur during construction work hours allowed by the local municipal code. The Project involves the replacement of existing fencing along the same alignments as the fencing to be replaced, with minor additions. The new fencing would have essentially the same purpose and capacity as the existing fencing with only negligible expansion of use.

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