

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: (to be generated by State Clearinghouse)

PROJECT NUMBER: 8692-210

PROJECT TITLE: State of the Estuary Platform Phase II (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is located at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California. This planning project does not include ground disturbance and will be conducted by the ABAG with membership in the California, Bay Area counties of Sonoma, Solano, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Napa, Marin, Contra Costa, and Alameda.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as State of the Estuary Platform Phase II. The Project includes working with regional science leads to gather and pull in data on multiple estuary indicators, and expanding and improving a centralized, integrated, dynamic and accessible web-based platform to communicate to the public and stakeholders on the health of the estuary.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on January 15, 2025, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The ABAG will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 6: Information Collection

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15306)

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Feasibility and Planning Studies

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15262)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves information collection, research, and data analysis for activities that have no potential to disturb an environmental resource.

LEAD AGENCY: Association of Bay Area Governments

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Natasha Dunn Daniels

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

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