

# Notice of Exemption

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County Clerk Santa Clara County

From: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality  
Control Board  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
Oakland, California 94612

**Project Title:**

City of Palo Alto, Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant and Wastewater Collection System, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County - Reissuance of NPDES Permit

**Project Location - Specific:**

The Order permits City of Palo Alto's Regional Water Quality Control Plant to discharge advanced secondary treated municipal wastewater to South San Francisco Bay via an outfall (37.4592°, -122.1108°) and to Matadero Creek via a sluice gate (37.4406°, -122.1130°) and to Harbor Marsh via a horizontal levee (37.4522°, -122.1081°).

**Project Location - City** Palo Alto **Project Location - County:** Santa Clara County

**Description of Project:**

NPDES permit reissuance (Regional Water Board Order R2-2025-0003) establishes terms and conditions that the City of Palo Alto must comply with to discharge advanced secondary treated wastewater to South San Francisco Bay.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board

**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:
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 13389 of the California Water Code

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is the adoption of an NPDES permit.



**Lead Agency:** San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board

**Contact Person:** William Burrell

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**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:   Digitally signed by Eileen White  
Date: 2025.02.21 15:45:24 -08'00' Date: February 21, 2025 Title: Executive Officer

Eileen White

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_