

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: 2018118563

PROJECT NUMBER: C-06-8490-110

PROJECT TITLE: Primary Sedimentation Tanks Rehabilitation & Equipment Room Electrical Upgrade Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 2501 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303 in Santa Clara County.

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. The Project includes rehabilitation of an existing wastewater treatment process unit, primary sedimentation tanks (PSTs) and ancillary systems at the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant. The PSTs include four, 46-year old concrete tanks (each measuring 220 feet long by 41 feet wide by 14 feet deep) equipped with mechanical and electrical equipment for wastewater flow control and sludge and scum removal.

The Project also includes structural repair of the tank interior walls and ceilings, application of a corrosion resistance coating onto the tank interior surfaces, sludge collection and conveyance system upgrades, and process control instruments and electrical distribution equipment upgrades. To comply with current building and electrical codes and meet federal flood protection elevation requirements, the aging electrical cabinets will be replaced and relocated to an enclosed and elevated pre-engineered structure. An improved area adjacent/southwest of the PST sludge pump room measuring up to 15 feet by 50 feet will be repurposed to house the aforementioned new pre-engineered electrical enclosure.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on May 12, 2021 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Palo Alto will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 1: Existing Facilities

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15301)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves rehabilitation of deteriorated and damaged structures within the existing primary sedimentation tanks and sludge pump room. The Project will involve negligible expansion by installing a 15 by 50 feet pre-engineered electrical enclosure, which will not result in an increase of more than 50 percent of the floor area or 2,500 square feet.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Palo Alto

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: James Allen

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A record of 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.

Signature: _____ Date: May 13, 2021

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