

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: NA

Project Title: Geotechnical Investigation for Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0172-R3)

Project Location: The project is located at the Pacheco Reservoir in unincorporated Santa Clara County, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0172-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Christopher Hakes/Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water).

The purpose of the project is to evaluate soil and substrate conditions for potential foundation sites for a future project, the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. The project is limited to approximately 50 geotechnical investigations, which include rotary wash/rock core borings and vibracore borings. Rotary/wash core borings will be conducted via barge or by driving overland across the dry exposed reservoir. Vibracore borings will be conducted via barge.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 and Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306

Reasons why project is exempt: 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 and agricultural purposes. Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. None of the conditions noted under CEQA 15300.2 apply.

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