

## Notice of Exemption

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MARIN MUNICIPAL  
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Marin Municipal Water District  
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Attn: Michael Ban, P.E., Environmental and Engineering Services  
Division Manager

**Project Title:** San Geronimo Treatment Plant (SGTP) Permanent Emergency Generator Project (D19027)

**Project Location - Specific:** Marin Municipal Water District San Geronimo Water Treatment Plant, Woodacre, CA (APNs 172-372-22 and 172-372-19)

**Project Location – County:** Marin

**Project Description:** The proposed San Geronimo Treatment Plant (SGTP) Permanent Emergency Generator Project (Project) will include the installation of a limited number of new small facilities and structures adjacent to an existing tank and other infrastructure at the San Geronimo Water Treatment Plant. The Project will include the installation of two (2) 1.5 megawatt generators, two 10,000 gallon above ground storage tanks, leak detection equipment, a spill containment berm, and an upgraded gravel access road to facilitate maintenance and operational activities. When completed, the Project will ensure continued supply of safe drinking water to MMWD's 190,000 customers during periods of power loss associated with the PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events and other unforeseen power outages. Installation of the emergency generator and associated facilities will require minor excavation and construction on a small portion of the SGTP site.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Marin Municipal Water District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Marin Municipal Water District

**CEQA Exemption Status:** The Project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 Existing Facilities and 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

**Reason for Exemption:** The Project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it is a minor alteration of existing public facilities and mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use and Section 15303 because it will include the construction of a limited number of new small facilities or structures consistent with the approved land use and zoning of an existing developed site.

In addition, none of the exceptions to the aforementioned categorical exemptions presented in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the Project, namely:

- a) Location: The Project site is within the developed confines of the SGTP and not in a "particularly sensitive environment".
- b) Cumulative Impact: The Project site is within the developed confines of the SGTP. The backup generator would operate intermittently – only during PSPS or power loss events and periodic testing/maintenance. This episodic operation would not contribute a cumulatively considerable adverse environmental effect in tandem with other projects occurring in the vicinity.
- c) Significant Effect: The Project site is within the developed confines of the SGTP in an area cleared of vegetation and typical of a water treatment facility. No unusual environmental circumstances have been observed or documented

that would be triggered by the Project.

- d) Scenic Highways: The Project is not located along a State-designated or eligible scenic highway.
- e) Hazardous Waste Sites: The Project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (i.e., the "Cortese list").
- f) Historical Resources: Based on a Cultural Resources Inventory Report prepared for the Project in May 2019, no historic or other cultural resources are known to be present or would be adversely affected by the Project.

**Project Approval:** The Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 8590 at a meeting of the Board of Directors on August 21, 2020.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Michael Ban, P.E., Environmental and Engineering Services Division Manager

**Telephone:** (415) 945-1435



Michael Ban, P.E., Environmental & Engineering Svcs Div Mgr

August 21, 2020

Date

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

**Aug 24 2020**

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MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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Marin

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

**SAN GERONIMO TREATMENT PLANT (SGTP) PERMANENT EMERGENCY GENERATOR PROJECT**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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94925

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency

☐ School District

☒ Other Special District

☐ State Agency

☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$3,343.25

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$2,406.75

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,136.50

\$

0.00

☐ Exempt from fee

☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00

☐ Other

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash

☐ Credit

☐ Check

☐ Other

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\$

50.00

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DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: J GILARDI