## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

555 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553

FROM: Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San)

5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez, CA 94553

PROJECT TITLE: 2022 Walnut Creek Sewer Renovation Project Phase 16

PROJECT LOCATION-SPECIFIC: City of Walnut Creek: Casa Way, Encinal Dr. Mt Diablo Blvd, Oakland Blvd, Sandy Ln, San Luis Rd.; Unincorporated Alamo: Avalon Ct, Sharmar Ct.; Unincorporated Walnut Creek: Castle Hill Rd, El Mirador, Huntoon Ct, Newell Ave, Oak Knoll Ct, San Miguel Dr.

PROJECT LOCATION-CITY AND COUNTY: City of Walnut Creek, Unincorporated Alamo and Unincorporated Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project will replace or rehabilitate approximately 11, 000 feet of small diameter sewer mains, maintenance access structures, and other related public sewer work within public rights- of-way and private easements. Central San staff prepared the plans and specifications for the Project. Construction methods primarily include open trench, pipe bursting, horizontal directional drilling, and cured- in- place pipe. An overview map of all site locations is shown in Attachment 1.

ENTITY OR PERSON UNDERTAKING PROJECT: Central San

**PUBLIC AGENCY:** Central San

LEAD AGENCY: Central San

**EXEMPT STATUS:** CEQA Guidelines Sections 15302 and 15061(b)(3)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: At its June 16, 2022, meeting, the Central San Board of Directors independently found that this project is exempt from CEQA under Central San CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 because it involves replacement of existing facilities at substantially the same locations and with the same purpose and level of activity as the facilities being replaced. Any capacity increases are for nongrowth inducing, wet weather purposes. The Project also is exempt under Central San CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. This certainty is based on Central San's experience with numerous sewer construction projects of this nature, the relatively short distance involved, and Central San's mitigating construction specifications. These specifications are standardized general and special conditions that are made part of the Project bid documents to address environmental considerations, such as protecting trees and riparian areas, as well as compliance with applicable federal, state, county, district, municipal and local laws, ordinances, orders, and regulations.

CONTACT PERSON: Russell B. Leavitt, (925) 229-7255

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**SIGNATURE:** Environmental Coordinator

**DATE:** June 20, 2022

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## Walnut Creek Sewer Renovations Phase 16 District Project 100023

Map Date: 5/13/2022

