

# **County of Santa Clara**

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**Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose CA 95118-3686**

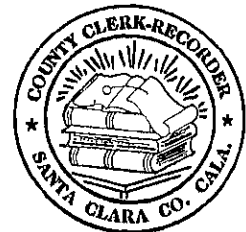
**Re: CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT POSTINGS**

**Dear Lead Agency:**

**Enclosed please find the public copy posted in Santa Clara County  
Clerk-Recorder's Office for 30 days per CALIFORNIA CODES PUBLIC  
RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21152 (c)**

Sincerely,  
REGINA ALCOMENDRAS, Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder

By:   
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Vanessa Ortiz, Deputy Clerk-Recorder



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**CEQA DOCUMENT DECLARATION**

**ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE RECEIPT**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

1. LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clara Valley Water District
2. PROJECT TITLE: Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) IRP2 Sesimic Retrofit of Control Building, Clearwell Recoat and Repair, and Water Pump Modifications
3. APPLICANT NAME: Santa Clara Valley Water District PHONE: 408-630-3096
4. APPLICANT ADDRESS: Attn: Michael F. Coleman, Environmental Planner, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118
5. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A:  Local Public Agency  School District  Other Special District  State Agency  Private Entity
6. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 30 DAYS.

**7. CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**a. PROJECTS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO DFG FEES**

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|--|-------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21152)                                   | \$ 3,029.75 | \$ 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. NEGATIVE DECLARATION (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21080(C))                                       | \$ 2,181.25 | \$ 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. APPLICATION FEE WATER DIVERSION (STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ONLY)                   | \$ 850.00   | \$ 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. PROJECTS SUBJECT TO CERTIFIED REGULATORY PROGRAMS  | \$ 1,030.25 | \$ 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE (REQUIRED FOR a-1 THROUGH a-4 ABOVE)<br>Fish & Game Code §711.4(e) | \$ 50.00    | \$ 0.00 |

**b. PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM DFG FEES**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (\$50.00 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE REQUIRED)   | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. A COMPLETED "CEQA FILING FEE NO EFFECT DETERMINATION FORM" FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME, DOCUMENTING THE DFG'S DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND HABITAT, OR AN OFFICIAL, DATED RECEIPT / PROOF OF PAYMENT SHOWING PREVIOUS PAYMENT OF THE DFG FILING FEE FOR THE *SAME PROJECT IS ATTACHED (\$50.00 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE REQUIRED) |          |          |

DOCUMENT TYPE:  ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  NEGATIVE DECLARATION \$ 50.00 \$ 0.00

**c. NOTICES THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DFG FEES OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEES**

NOTICE OF PREPARATION  NOTICE OF INTENT NO FEE \$ NO FEE

8. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE (IF APPLICABLE): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

9. TOTAL RECEIVED..... \$ 50.00

\*NOTE: "SAME PROJECT" MEANS NO CHANGES. IF THE DOCUMENT SUBMITTED IS NOT THE SAME (OTHER THAN DATES), A "NO EFFECT DETERMINATION" LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE SUBSEQUENT FILING OR THE APPROPRIATE FEES ARE REQUIRED.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED TO THE FRONT OF ALL CEQA DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE (INCLUDING COPIES) SUBMITTED FOR FILING. WE WILL NEED AN ORIGINAL (WET SIGNATURE) AND THREE COPIES. (YOUR ORIGINAL WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU AT THE TIME OF FILING.)

CHECKS FOR ALL FEES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: SANTA CLARA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

PLEASE NOTE: FEES ARE ANNUALLY ADJUSTED (Fish & Game Code §711.4(b); PLEASE CHECK WITH THIS OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE LATEST FEE INFORMATION.

"... NO PROJECT SHALL BE OPERATIVE, VESTED, OR FINAL, NOR SHALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS FOR THE PROJECT BE VALID, UNTIL THE FILING FEES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE PAID." Fish & Game Code §711.4(c)(3)

REGINA ALCOMENDRAS, County Clerk-Recorder  
 by Laura Luna, Deputy Clerk-Recorder, \_\_\_\_\_

Public Notice

## Notice of Exemption

Santa Clara Valley  
Water District

**To:** Santa Clara County  
Clerks Office, Business Division  
70 West Hedding Street  
San Jose CA 95110

**From:** Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose CA 95118-3686  
Telephone (408) 265 2607 x 3096

**Project Title:** Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) IRP2 Seismic Retrofit of Control Building, Clearwell Recoat and Repair, and Water Pump Modifications. Project Numbers include: 93764003, 93234043, and 93234042.

**Project Location-Specific:** The project is located at the SCVWD Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) at 3959 Whitman Way, San Jose, CA 95132.

**Project Location-City:** City of San Jose, CA

**Project Location-County:** Santa Clara

**Project Purpose:** The Project consists of the minor repair, alteration, replacement, and reconstruction of building and structure interiors and exteriors and water facilities to meet current seismic safety standards, provide Life Safety structural performance in accordance with the Uniform Building Code, and to ensure the continued long-term operation of the PWTP.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Santa Clara Valley Water District

**Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project:** Santa Clara Valley Water District

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(c)];
- Categorical Exemptions [Section 15301 and 15302; Class 1, "existing facilities" and Class 2, "replacement or reconstruction of existing structures.."]
- Statutory Exemptions [*State code number*].

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The Project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15301 and §15302: Class 1(b) : "...Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.."

Class 2 consists of "replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity".

The majority of the proposed work (minor repair, alteration, replacement, and reconstruction to meet current seismic standards) is interior work, although some exterior architectural elevations may change and there is other work including removal and demolition of water treatment structures and landscape

work. Temporary noise from concrete demolition and building demolition will occur; however, noise limits and work will be in conformance with the City of San Jose noise requirements. Construction will not occur outside of the buildings in non-daylight hours. Some weekend construction work both on the inside and outside of the building walls may be required.

The Project is exempt per CEQA Guidelines §15301 (minor alteration of this existing public structure and facilities/mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion beyond the existing use), and per CEQA §15302 (replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced). None of the conditions noted under the CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 will occur. The Project does not include any factors listed as exceptions per CEQA Guidelines §15300.2.

No environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern have been designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law within the existing facilities at either site. An existing cultural resources study was reviewed for the PWTP site which indicates there were no resources known to be present. There is no reasonable possibility that the Project would result in significant cumulative impacts.

**Description of Project:** The Project consists of the minor repair, alteration, replacement, and reconstruction of building and structure interiors and exteriors and water facilities to meet current seismic safety standards and to ensure the continued long term operation of the PWTP. The Project elements at the Plant include: 1) Seismic retrofit of the existing Control Building; 2) Clearwell Repair and Recoating; and 3) Construction of a New Pumping Station. The Project will be completed in accordance with the Uniform Building Code and will ensure the continued long term operation of the PWTP. The proposed work has negligible expansion of use at this time. Construction is planned to commence in 2015 with completion in 2016-2017.

**1) Seismic Retrofit of the Control Building**

- a. Reinforce concrete foundation ties.
- b. Construct plywood shear walls.
- c. Replace existing roof.

**2) Clearwell Recoat and Repair**

- a. Replace the existing corroding roof with a new aluminum triangulated frame cone Roof.
- b. Increase the freeboard height of the Clearwell by constructing a new steel ring.
- c. Install a new wind girder and walkway at the top of the tank.
- d. Replace the existing cathodic protection system.
- e. Remove and replace the coating on the interior and exterior of the tank.

**3) Water Pump Modifications**

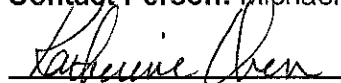
- a. Excavate soil (approximately 5 feet wide and 10 feet deep and 10 feet long ) to install vertical turbine pumps.
- b. Construct a new 12 ft x 12 ft concrete pad.
- c. Install a new prefabricated building to house two new pumps.
- d. Construct a separate pumping system consisting of two pumps and an electrical system.

**Lead Agency:** Santa Clara Valley Water District

**Contact Person:** Michael F. Coleman, Environmental Planner

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension**

(408) 630-3096



Signature: Katherine Owen, P.E.

Deputy Operating Officer

Date 1/9/2014

cc: CEQA Administrative Record, Project File