

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate  
Innovation, State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2023100002

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 8807-110

**PROJECT TITLE:** WAS Thickener Replacement Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located at the Union Sanitary District's Alvarado Treatment Plant in Alameda County at 5072 Benson Rd, Union City, CA 94587.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as WAS Thickener Replacement Project. The Project will replace the existing three gravity belt thickeners and associated pumps, polymer blending units, piping, ventilation equipment, and electrical equipment at the Alvarado wastewater treatment plant (Alvarado WWTP). The footprint of the existing Alvarado WWTP will not be expanded, and all equipment is being replaced in-kind.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on June 5, 2025, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Union Sanitary District 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)

**Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

**Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves replacement of equipment that has exceeded its useful life, and minor new supporting improvements that will be confined to the existing facility and involve negligible expansion of capacity.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Union Sanitary District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Derek Chiu

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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