

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Contra Costa

From: (Public Agency): _____
Dublin San Ramon Services District
7051 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, California 94568

(Address)

Project Title: Cross Valley Trail Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project (CIP 24-S053)

Project Applicant: Dublin San Ramon Services District

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located near Coyote Creek by Iron Horse Regional Trail and San Ramon Cross Valley Trail in San Ramon, CA.

Project Location - City: San Ramon Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DSRSD has performed CCTV of its existing 8-inch sewer line and identified the need to rehabilitate the sewer line to address the voids and longitudinal cracks. The 8-inch Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP) sewer line is located near Del Mar Drive in San Ramon, CA and is critical to conveying wastewater from surrounding area to the District's Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility for treatment. The line runs under Coyote Creek by Iron Horse Regional Trail and San Ramon Cross Valley Trail in San Ramon, CA. The repair will be made using a trenchless repair method specifically cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liner. Temporary bypass pumping of sewage around the section of the sewer pipe being rehabilitated will be required to facilitate cleaning and inspection of the pipe as well as for performing the rehab using cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liner. There would be no increase in capacity as a result of the project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Dublin San Ramon Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dublin San Ramon Services District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: §15301 Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

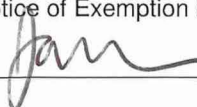
Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under CEQA section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because there are no unusual circumstances surrounding it that would suggest a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect. The Project consists of the rehabilitation of an existing utility used to provide wastewater collection. The affected sewer main will be restored using a trenchless repair method (e.g. cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liner). These improvements will not constitute an expansion of the existing use and will not increase the capacity of any existing facility. Most of the proposed work will occur below ground and will not impact the ground surface except for the installation of a temporary bypass and project set-up. Construction work is planned to occur during dry season from July through September 2024. At the conclusion of construction, all temporary facilities will be removed and the project site will be restored to pre-project conditions.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Sukhpreet Mann Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 875-2264

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ■ Yes No

Signature:  Date: 6/10/24 Title: General Manager

■ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

**DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION
FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

Project Title: Cross Valley Trail Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project (CIP 24-S053)
Project Location: Near 9842 Del Mar Drive, San Ramon, CA, 94583 (APN: 212-030-009)
City and County: City of San Ramon, County of Contra Costa

Description of Nature and Purpose of Project:

The District's Board of Directors approved the District's Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") Ten-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2033 ("CIP Plan") on June 20, 2023 and includes the Cross Valley Trail Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project (CIP 24-S053) ("Project").

The Project will rehabilitate approximately 150 linear feet of 8-inch vitrified clay sewer main beneath the Coyote Creek in San Ramon, California. The sewer main segment crosses Coyote Creek near the intersection of the Iron Horse and Cross Valley Trails. See attached Exhibit 1 for Location Map. The sewer main is critical for conveying wastewater flows from the surrounding residential areas in southern areas of San Ramon to the District's Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (RWTF). The integrity of the sewer main will be restored using a cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liner. The scope of the Project also includes the review of existing CCTV inspection records; installation of a temporary bypass pumping system; performing pre-CCTV and post-CCTV inspections; and performing site restoration and clean-up upon completion. Construction work is planned to occur during the dry summer season from July to September 2024. At the conclusion of construction, all temporary facilities will be removed, and the project site will be restored to pre-project conditions. There would be no increase in capacity as a result of the Project.

Name of Person, Board, Commission or Department Proposing to Carry Out Project:

Dublin San Ramon Services District

Exempt Status (See Attached Pages for Detailed Analysis):

- ☐ Ministerial (PRC 21080; 14 CCR §15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (PRC 21080; 14 CCR §15269)
- ☐ Emergency Project (PRC 21080; 14 CCR §15269)
- ☐ Covered by the Common Sense Exemption (14 CCR §15261(b)(3)).
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (14 CCR §15282; §PRC 21080.21)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption (PRC 21084; 14 CCR §15300- §15333):

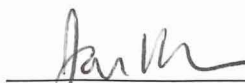
Class 1, 14 CCR §15301: Existing Facilities; the exceptions listed in 14 CCR §15300.2 do not apply to the Project.

Contact Person: Sukhpreet Mann

Telephone: (925) 875-2264

Certification

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.



Jan B. Lee, General Manager
Dublin San Ramon Services District

6/10/24

Date

EXEMPT STATUS:

The Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA because it falls under the following **Categorical Exemption**:

Class 1, 14 CCR §15301 Existing Facilities.

The Class 1 exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 allows for 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 existing or former use. The Project consists of repair and maintenance of an existing utility used to provide wastewater treatment services. The repair will be made using trenchless repair method specifically cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liner. The Project will include the installation of a temporary bypass pumping system above grade. At the conclusion of construction, all temporary facilities will be removed, and the project site will be restored to pre-project conditions. These improvements will not constitute an expansion of the existing use and will not increase the capacity of any existing facility.

Exceptions to Use of Categorical Exemptions (14 CCR §15300.2)

This analysis also considered whether the Project is subject to any of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 on the use of categorical exemptions. This section prohibits the use of categorical exemptions when the Project falls under one or more of the categories listed below:

- §15300.2(a): For certain classes of projects (Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11), due to the location of the Project, may impact an environmental resource or hazardous or critical concern;
- §15300.2(b): When the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant;
- §15300.2(c): Where there is a reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;
- §15300.2(d): Where the Project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway;
- §15300.2(e): Where the Project is located on a state designated hazardous waste site; and
- §15300.2(f): Where the Project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

These exceptions above do not apply to the Project. The findings with respect to each exception is provided below:

- §15300.2(a): The Project is not located in an area of sensitive or hazardous or critical concern.
- §15300.2(b): There is no evidence of a potential significant cumulative impact because successive projects of the same type in the same place have not been approved and are not currently proposed.
- §15300.2(c): The Project site is surrounded by urban development and not located within a sensitive resource area. Thus, the Project will not result in any significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The Project is rehabbing an existing sewer line.
- §15300.2(d): Though the Project site is not located adjacent to a designated scenic highway, the Project will not result in any damages to any scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources. This exception does not apply.
- §15300.2(e): This exception does not apply because the Project is not located on a state-designated hazardous waste site.
- §15300.2(f): This exception does not apply because the Project does not directly affect any historical resource, nor is the Project site located adjacent to a historical resource.

Exhibit 1

Dublin San Ramon Services District

Cross Valley Trail Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project

