

## Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Alameda

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

(Address)

Project Title: WWTP HVAC Replacements (CIP 22-P010) & DERWA HVAC Replacements (CIP 22-R014)

Project Applicant: Dublin San Ramon Services District

Project Location - Specific:

7399 Johnson Dr, Pleasanton, CA 94588, APN: 941-1300-001-17

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ALAMEDA COUNTY**

**JUN 13 2024**

Project Location - City: Pleasanton

Project Location - County: Alameda MELISSA WILK, County Clerk

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

By Deputy

The WWTP HVAC Replacements Project will replace the HVAC system components at WWTP buildings as follows: Building A (air handling unit and chiller), Building T (chiller), Building H (air handling unit), Building C (air handling unit) at the District's Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (RWTF). The Project will also replace the fume and exhaust hoods and all applicable appurtenances (fans, variable frequency drives, etc.) for the laboratory located inside Building A at the RWTF. The DERWA HVAC Replacements Project will replace the HVAC system components in DERWA buildings as follows: Building M (air handling unit) and Building O (air handling unit) at the Recycled Water Treatment Plant. These improvements will not constitute an expansion of the existing use and will not increase the capacity of any existing facility.

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 Existing Facilities, §15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

These Projects are exempt because there are no unusual circumstances surrounding it that would suggest a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect. These Projects would remove and replace existing facilities located in the applicant's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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: [Signature] Date: 6/7/2024 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)**

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Project Title: WWTP HVAC Replacements (CIP 22-P010) and  
DERWA HVAC Replacements (CIP 22-R014)  
Project Location(s): 7399 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, California (APN: 941-1300-1-17)  
City and County: City of Pleasanton, County of Alameda

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**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 WWTP HVAC Replacements (CIP 22-P010) and DERWA HVAC Replacements (CIP 22-R014) ("Projects").

The WWTP HVAC Replacements Project will replace the HVAC system components at WWTP buildings as follows: Building A (air handling unit and chiller), Building T (chiller), Building H (air handling unit), Building C (air handling unit) at the District's Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (RWTF). See attached Location Map (Exhibit 1). The Project will also replace the fume and exhaust hoods and all applicable appurtenances (fans, variable frequency drives, etc.) for the laboratory located inside Building A at the RWTF. The DERWA HVAC Replacements Project will replace the HVAC system components in DERWA buildings as follows: Building M (air handling unit) and Building O (air handling unit) at the Recycled Water Treatment Plant. See attached Location Map (Exhibit 1). These improvements will not constitute an expansion of the existing use and will not increase the capacity of any existing facility.

**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):

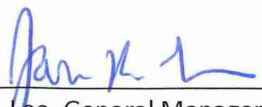
**Class 1, 14 CCR §15301: Existing Facilities; Class 2, 14 CCR §15302: Replacement or Reconstruction; the exceptions listed in 14 CCR §15300.2 do not apply to these Projects.**

**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.

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

6/7/24  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

The Projects are exempt from the provisions of CEQA because it falls under the following **Categorical Exemptions**:

**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 Projects consists of the replacement of all existing HVAC and laboratory equipment within various buildings located at the RWTF. These improvements will not constitute an expansion of the existing use and will not increase the capacity of any existing facility.

**Class 2, 14 CCR §15302 Replacement or Reconstruction.**

The Class 2 exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 allows for the 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. The Projects consists of the replacement of all existing HVAC and laboratory equipment located within various buildings at the RWTF. These improvements will serve the same purpose and capacity as the former equipment/infrastructure.

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

This analysis also considered whether the Projects are 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 Projects fall 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 Projects. 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.
- §15300.2(d): Though the Project site is 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**  
**HVAC Replacements**

**DERWA** **WWTP**