

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Santa Clara Valley Water District,
5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

County Clerk

County of: Santa Clara

(Address)

Project Title: Mountain View AMI Water Conservation Program Agreement

Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: Mountain View

Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Implementation of the AMI Program in the City of Mountain View would involve converting existing water meters to AMI water meters. Replacement would require no expansion in the use or footprint of existing meters, and no new ground disturbance would be required to expose or access them. Following meter replacement, AMI Program software would be used to generate detailed water usage reports and leak alerts for consumers to encourage conservation. Semi-annual reports would be generated for Valley Water indicating the number of water use reports sent and to how many consumers, the number of leak alerts sent with estimated leak volumes and durations, and estimated water savings associated with leak alerts. Outreach to consumers and AMI Program administration also would be conducted.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Mountain View

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

AMI Program activities conducted under the Agreement would include converting existing water meters to AMI water meters, AMI data collection and reporting, creation and distribution of outreach materials encouraging customer engagement, and AMI Program administration. AMI Program activities meet the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15301 and are eligible under the Exemption. No expansion of use would be included in AMI Program implementation, and the Agreement does not include or allow any factors that would preempt the AMI Program's eligibility per CEQA Guidelines §15300.2.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Lisa Holm

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 408-630-3241

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: Lisa Holm

Date: 7/17/25

Title: Associate Environmental Planner

☒ 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: _____



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

ENV25726

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

lholm@valleywater.org

DATE

07/17/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

SANTA CLARA

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

MOUNTAIN VIEW AMI WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (ATTN:

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

(408)630-3241

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

5750 ALMADEN EXPRESSWAY

CITY

SAN JOSE

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

95118

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____

☒ County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00

☐ Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Nina Khamphilath, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder



**SANTA CLARA COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

Santa Clara County - Clerk-Recorder Office
State of California

File Number: ENV25726

ENVIRONMENTAL FILING

No. of Pages: 3

Total Fees: \$50.00

File Date: 07/17/2025

Expires: 08/16/2025

MARGARET OLAIYA, Clerk-Recorder

By: Nina Khamphilath, Deputy Clerk-Recorder

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Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Filing Fee (new project)
- ☐ Previously Paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt and project titles must match)
- ☐ No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
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- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

1. LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clara Valley Water District
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: lholm@valleywater.org
3. PROJECT TITLE: Mountain View AMI Water Conservation Program Agreement
4. APPLICANT NAME: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Attn: Lisa Holm) PHONE: 408-630-3241
5. APPLICANT EMAIL: lholm@valleywater.org
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118
7. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: ☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity
8. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 30 DAYS.

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

Public Notice
Notice of Exemption



To: Santa Clara County
Clerks-Recorder's Office
110 W Tasman Drive – First Floor
San Jose, CA 95134

From: Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118-3686
Telephone (408) 265-2600

Project Title: Mountain View AMI Water Conservation Program Agreement

Project Location-Specific: Mountain View

Project Location-City: Mountain View

Project Location-County: Santa Clara County

Project Purpose: The purpose is to promote water conservation through implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Water Use Reports Program (AMI Program) under a Cost Share Agreement (Agreement) between Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) and the City of Mountain View within the City's service area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Valley Water

Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project: Valley Water

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial [§21080(b)(1); 15268]
- ☐ Declared Emergency [§21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- ☐ Emergency Project [§21080(b)(c); 15269(b)(c)]
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- ☐ Statutory Exemptions

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Description of Project

Implementation of the AMI Program in the City of Mountain View would involve converting existing water meters to AMI water meters at a reimbursement rate of \$10 per meter with a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 per fiscal year or \$1,400,000 as the equivalent to seven fiscal years of maximum not-to-exceed reimbursement. Replacement would require no expansion in the use or footprint of existing meters, and no new ground disturbance would be required to expose or access them. Following meter replacement, AMI Program software would be used to generate detailed water usage reports and leak alerts for consumers to encourage conservation. Semi-annual reports would be generated for Valley Water indicating the number of water use reports sent and to how many consumers, the number of leak alerts sent with estimated leak volumes and

durations, and estimated water savings associated with leak alerts. Outreach to consumers and AMI Program administration also would be conducted under the Agreement.

Agency Contact Person: Lisa Holm, Valley Water

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (408) 510-2627

Signed by:
Lisa Holm
Signature: AF57756A2494453...

Date: 6/5/2025

Title: Lisa Holm
Associate Environmental Planner

cc: CEQA Administrative Record