

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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From: (Public Agency): Water Emergency Transportation Authority
Pier 9, Suite 111, The Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94111
(Address)

Project Title: WETA Hydrus Vessel Conversion to All Battery Electric Ferry

Project Applicant: Water Emergency Transportation Authority

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude: 37°47'39.83"N Longitude: 122°23'30.70"W

Project Location - City: San Francisco Project Location - County: San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attachment A, Part 1.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Water Emergency Transportation Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Water Emergency Transportation Authority

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: Class 1 - Existing Facilities, Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment A, Part 2.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Seamus Murphy Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (415) 291-3377

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: Sep 16, 2025 Title: Executive Director

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: _____

Notice of Exemption – Attachment A

Project Title: WETA Hydrus Vessel Conversion to All Battery Electric Ferry

Project Applicant: Water Emergency Transportation Authority

Part 1. Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will convert SF Bay Ferry’s M/V Hydrus 400-passenger diesel vessel to a zero emission, battery-electric ferry that will be part of SF Bay Ferry’s new all-electric zero-emission fleet. The vessel conversion is a component of SF Bay Ferry’s Rapid Electric Emission-Free (REEF) Program, which is a key commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through clean technology and complying with SF Bay Ferry’s Alternative Control of Emissions (ACE) Plan and the State’s California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations. The diesel to battery-electric conversion will be capable of providing the same fast, convenient, and reliable transbay service between San Francisco and East Bay communities including Alameda, Oakland, and Richmond.

Part 2. Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is consistent with a Class 1 Categorical Exception (CEQA Guideline § 15301) because it modifies the ongoing operation of previously approved diesel ferry vessels with battery electric propelled vessels. The project involves negligible or no expansion of existing use. The project is consistent with a Class 2 Categorical Exemption (15302) because it will replace previously approved diesel ferry vessels with battery electric propelled, zero emission vessels. The converted zero emission ferry vessel will replace an existing diesel vessel in service between Downtown San Francisco, Alameda, Oakland, and Richmond ferry terminals. The project will not involve cumulative impacts and will have no reasonable possibility of a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.