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*ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION

(CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 711.4)

LEAD AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS

Dublin San Ramon Services District
Attn: Jason Ching
7051 Dublin Boulevard
Dublin, CA 94568

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MELISSA WILK, County Clerk
By _____ Deputy

FILE NO: 25-409

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1. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION / STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION

[X] A - STATUTORILY OR CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT

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[ ] A - NEGATIVE DECLARATION (OR MITIGATED NEG. DEC.)

$ 2,968.75 - STATE FILING FEE

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[ ] B - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

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3. OTHER: _____

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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk
County of: Alameda

From: (Public Agency): Dublin San Ramon Services District

7051 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, California 94568

(Address)

Project Title: Reservoir 10A Electrical Improvements (CIP 26-W028)

Project Applicant: Dublin San Ramon Services District

Project Location - Specific:

10 Barnet Boulevard, Dublin, CA APN: 986-5-4

Project Location - City: Dublin Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project will address power reliability issues at Reservoir 10A, a critical facility for the District's water distribution system and communication network. The Project will replace one transformer pole to ensure a more reliable utility power supply and install a new, small-scale off-grid solar and battery system to provide a resilient and sustainable backup power source. Solar panels will be ground-mounted, occupy a combined footprint of 180' x 20', with a total height of approximately 11'. The battery storage system will occupy a footprint of 8' x 3', with a total height of approximately 7'. The off-grid solar and battery system will minimize reliance on diesel standby generators during periods of utility power outages (e.g. weather-related, PSPS, EPSS). 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 Exist Facilities, §15302 Replac/Reconst. §15303 New Construction of Small Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project consists of the replacement of a single transformer pole at the Dublin San Ramon Services District's Reservoir 10A. In addition, the scope includes the installation of a small scale solar array and battery energy storage system for backup power. These improvements will not constitute an expansion of the existing use and will not increase the capacity of any existing facility. The project, therefore, is exempt from CEQA since it falls within one or more of the following categorical exemptions allowed under the CEQA guidelines: Class 1 under §15301 (Existing Facilities); Class 2 under §15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and Class 3 under §15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mike Nakamura, P.E. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 875-2356

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: 10/15/25 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:

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

Project Title: Reservoir 10A Electrical Improvements (CIP 26-W028)
Project Location(s): 10 Barnet Boulevard, Dublin, CA 94568 (APN: 986-5-4)
City and County: City of Dublin, County of Alameda

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 2026 through 2035 ("CIP Plan") on June 3, 2025. Subsequently, in accordance with the District's Budget Accountability Policy (P400-24-2), the General Manager approved the Reservoir 10A Electrical Improvements Project (CIP 26-W028), which was added to the CIP with a budget of $175,000 and funded from the Water System Rehabilitation and Replacement Fund (CIP 00-W011).

The proposed Project will address power reliability issues at Reservoir 10A, a critical facility for the District's water distribution system and communication network. The Project will replace one transformer pole to ensure a more reliable utility power supply and install a new, small-scale off-grid solar and battery system to provide a resilient and sustainable backup power source. Solar panels will be ground-mounted, occupy a combined footprint of 180' x 20', with a total height of approximately 11'. The battery storage system will occupy a footprint of 8' x 3', with a total height of approximately 7'. The off-grid solar and battery system will minimize reliance on diesel standby generators during periods of utility power outages (e.g. weather-related, PSPS, EPSS). See attached Location Map (Exhibit 1).

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):

  14 CCR Class 1, §15301: Existing Facilities; 14 CCR Class 2 §15302: Replacement or Reconstruction; Class 3, 14 CCR §15303: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; the exceptions listed in 14 CCR §15300.2 do not apply to the Project. See Attachment 1 for additional details.

Contact Person: Mike Nakamura **Telephone:** (925) 875-2356

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

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

10/15/25
Date

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ATTACHMENT 1

The Project is **exempt from the provisions of CEQA** because it falls under one or more of the following Categorical Exemptions:

Class 1, §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 the replacement of an existing on-site transformer pole.

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 Project consists of the replacement of an existing on-site transformer pole.

Class 3, 14 CCR §15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.
The Class 3 exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Project consists of the installation of a solar panel and battery energy storage system. The solar panels will be ground-mounted with a combined footprint approximately 180 feet long and 20 feet wide. The overall height of solar array is approximately 11 feet. The battery energy storage system will also be ground-mounted, with overall dimensions of approximately 8 feet wide, 3 feet deep and 7 feet tall.

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.

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The exceptions above do not apply to the Project. The findings with respect to each exception are 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): 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.

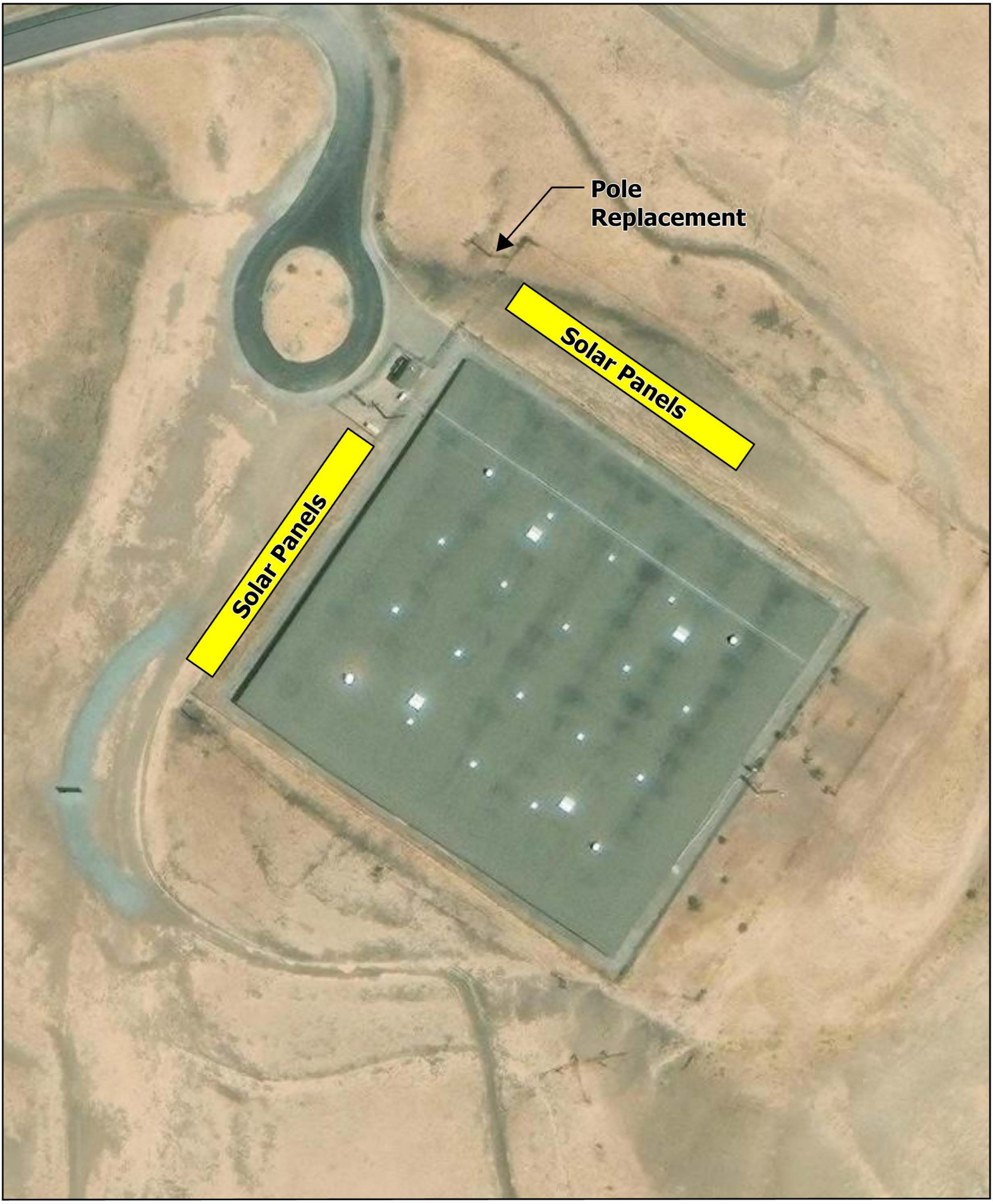


Exhibit 1 - Res 10A

10 Barnet Blvd, Dublin

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