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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SILICON VALLEY CLEAN WATER		12/22/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
SAN MATEO COUNTY		129393

PROJECT TITLE

SILICON VALLEY CLEAN WATER LEVEE REPAIR PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
SILICON VALLEY CLEAN WATER (SVCW)		
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY STATE	ZIP CODE

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	$ 50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Kamille Santos Deputy Clerk

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Notice of Exemption

To:

☒ Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation (formerly OPR)

U.S. Mail
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Street Address:
1400 Tenth St. Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk-Recorder
County of San Mateo
555 County Center, First Floor
Redwood City, CA 95063

From:

(Public Agency): Silicon Valley Clean Water
Address: 1400 Radio Road
Redwood City, CA 94065
Contact: Jane Kao, Senior Engineer
Phone: (650) 832-6265

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MARK CHURCH, County Clerk
By KAMILLE SANTOS
Deputy Clerk

Project Title: Silicon Valley Clean Water Levee Repair Project
Project Applicant: Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW)
Project Location - Specific: 1400 Radio Road, Redwood City, CA 94065

The project is located on approximately 1.2 acres of the northeastern corner of the existing wastewater treatment plant property.

Project Location - City: Redwood City Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Please see attached Project Description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Silicon Valley Clean Water
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Silicon Valley Clean Water
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 Reconstruction
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project proposes the repair and rehabilitation of an existing, deteriorated perimeter levee at the SVCW wastewater treatment plant property that provides critical wave protection for the plant operations. The project will not result in expansion of the existing use. The project has been desiged to avoid significant environmental impacts.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jane Kao, Senior Engineer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (650) 832-6265

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: Matthew Zucca Date: 12/22/2025 Title: Authority Manager
Name: Matthew Zucca

☒ 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: _____

SILICON VALLEY CLEAN WATER (SVCW)
LEVEE REPAIR PROJECT (CIP #9265)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION
December 2025

BACKGROUND

Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW) is a joint powers authority (JPA) that owns and operates a regional wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) within Redwood City that treats wastewater from surrounding communities, including Redwood City, Belmont, San Carlos, and Menlo Park. The SVCW WWTP is located at the end of Redwood Shores and has operated at this location since the 1980s.

The WWTP is protected from tidal and flood waters by a perimeter levee system and floodwall. Ongoing shoreline erosion, loss of protective marshland, and increased wave action have degraded the project segment of the perimeter levee, resulting in tidal water intrusion during high tides and overtopping wave events. Wave runup currently overtops the floodwall and inundates internal WWTP areas. Investigations have confirmed that leakage through the sheet pile interlocks is due to tidal forces (not infrastructure failure) and that the perimeter levee is no longer functioning as intended.

PURPOSE AND NEED OF PROJECT

The purpose of the project is to improve a segment of the existing degraded perimeter levee, located at the northeastern edge of the WWTP property, to reduce water leakage and flooding into the SVCW WWTP and to protect the key plant infrastructure from further damage. The existing levee has been scoured and degraded over time due to episodic natural erosion and the loss of buffering tidal marsh areas outside of the levee. This degradation has led to breaches and leaks, requiring emergency measures to protect WWTP facility infrastructure. Continued erosion and wave overtopping pose an unacceptable risk to SVCW's operations, potentially compromising the effluent outfall and resulting in treatment interruptions, regulatory non-compliance, or environmental degradation of the Bay.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The project, initially approved by the SVCW Commission on February 10, 2025, and authorized to proceed with this alternative by the Authority on October 28, 2025, proposes repairing and armoring an eroded segment of the perimeter levee that provides critical wave protection to the SVCW WWTP facilities. Specifically, the project proposes targeted excavation and regrading of the damaged levee section, followed by the placement of ¼-ton riprap to restore the levee to its original elevation and to create a wave break to reduce wave energy impacts. Along with this work, the project will restore the existing cathodic protection system for the effluent pipeline that runs under the levee.

The project does not propose any changes in land use or acquisition of additional land for the WWTP. The project will not change the WWTP operations or increase the overall allowable discharge capacity for the plant. The project has been designed to avoid and minimize any environmental impacts. All heavy equipment will access the site from the landward side and top of the levee, and all equipment and materials staging will occur within the existing, developed SVCW WWTP property. This project allows for stabilizing this area without interfering with future regional flood resilience efforts being planned by Redwood City.

FINDINGS

Based on the analysis completed by SVCW, the project is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Sections *15301 Existing Facilities* and *15302 Replacement or Reconstruction*.

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Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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