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- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
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1. LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clara Valley Water District
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: lholm@valleywater.org
3. PROJECT TITLE: Grant Agreement for Funding Acquisition of Real Property (Sargent Ranch) with the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for the Safe, Clean Water Project D7 Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands, Project No. 25072008
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.

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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: Grant Agreement for Funding Acquisition of Real Property (Sargent Ranch) with the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for the Safe, Clean Water Project D7 Partnerships for the Conservation of Habitat Lands, Project No. 26072008

Project Location-Specific: Sargent Ranch, accessor parcel numbers 810-37-005, 810-37-007, 810-38-002, 810-38-017, 810-83-014, and 810-83-015.

Project Location-City: unincorporated

Project Location-County: Santa Clara County

Project Purpose: The Agreement would grant Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program funds to Peninsula Open Space Trust to acquire a portion of Sargent Ranch to preserve and protect habitat, critical wildlife landscape linkages, and a part of the *Juristac* Tribal Cultural Landscape.

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)]
- Categorical Exemptions [§15325, Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources]
- Statutory Exemptions

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The proposed Agreement would fund the acquisition of a portion of Sargent Ranch, a high-priority conservation area, to preserve existing natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats; allow restoration of natural conditions; and preserve historical resources. The project meets the parameters described in CEQA Guidelines §15325 for transfers of ownership of interests in land to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources.

The Agreement meets the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15325 and is eligible for the Exemption. The Agreement does not include or allow any factors that would preempt the Project's eligibility per CEQA Guidelines §15300.2.

Description of Project

Valley Water proposes to provide funds through the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program to POST to acquire a 2,184.41-acre portion of the Sargent Ranch property. Sargent Ranch is just south of the City of Gilroy, adjacent to and west of Highway 101 and Carnadero Preserve, north of State Route 129, and east of Star Creek and Pescadero ranches. The area is part of the *Juristac* Tribal Cultural Landscape, traditional territory of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band. It is also home to numerous special-status species, offers critical wildlife landscape

linkages between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the adjacent Diablo and Gabilan ranges, and supports Tar, Sargent, and Pescadero creeks, which feed into the Pajaro River and Monterey Bay.

Agency Contact Person: Lisa Holm, Valley Water

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

Signature: *Lisa Holm*

Date: 02/02/26

Title: Lisa Holm
Associate Environmental Planner

cc: CEQA Administrative Record



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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: ENV25984
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 02/05/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SANTA CLARA		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE
GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY (SARGENT RANCH) WITH THE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (ATTN:)	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL lholm@valleywater.org	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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____ \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____
PAYMENT METHOD:	TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ _____ \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Other		

SIGNATURE X <i>Mike Louie</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Mike Louie, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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