

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Clara

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

(Address)

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. 26

Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Sargent Ranch, Accessor Parcel Numbers 810-37-005, 810-37-007, 810-38-002, 810-

Project Location - City: San Jose

Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

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: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Water 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: §15325, Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical I
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Lisa Holm

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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: 2/6/26

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: _____