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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Final Approval Date: February 12, 2026
Case No.: 2023-008451ENV
Project Title: Moccasin Powerhouse Bypass Upgrades Geotechnical Investigation Project
Zoning: P
Block/Lot: Not applicable
Lot Size: Not applicable
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines of the Secretary for Resources, and San Francisco requirements, this Notice of Exemption is transmitted to you for filing. At the end of the posting period, please return this Notice to the Staff Contact with a notation of the period it was posted.

Attached fee: \$84 filing fee (San Francisco County)
\$100 filing fee (Tuolumne County)

Project Description

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is proposing to implement the Moccasin Powerhouse Bypass Upgrades Geotechnical Investigation (project) to collect information on ground and soil conditions for a potential water bypass pipeline in Moccasin, California. The project includes eight geotechnical borings, seismic refraction and ground penetrating radar surveys, and twelve potholing sites. The work sites would be in the vicinity of the Moccasin Powerhouse east of Moccasin Reservoir.

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SFPUC – Moccasin Powerhouse Bypass Upgrades Geotechnical Investigation Project

The seismic refraction and ground penetrating radar surveys would not involve ground disturbance. The geotechnical borings would be up to 8 inches and diameter and extend up to 50 feet below ground. The primary drilling method would be mud rotary wash with an option for hollow stem auguring. The potholes would have dimensions of 12 inches by 12 inches and extend up to 10 feet below ground.

Determination

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on October 24, 2023 with the signing of the construction compliance form by the Project Manager. The project was officially approved on February 12, 2026 when no appeal of the Common Sense Exemption was filed during the 30-day appeal period. A copy of the documents may be examined at the Planning Department, 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA, 94103 in file no. 2023-008451ENV.

1. Exempt Status:

- 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: Class 1, Existing Facilities (Sec. 21084(a); 15301) and Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Sec. 21084(a); 15303)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____
- Community Plan Exemption (Sec. 21083.3; 15183)
- Common Sense Exemption (15061(b)(3))

2. Reason for Determination: This project in its approved form has been determined to be exempt from environmental review because it fits the definition of the above-stated class of categorical exemption and none of the exceptions to the issuance of a categorical exemption apply.

Julia Moore

For Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer

2/12/2026
Date

cc: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Environmental Management



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 38-02/12/2026-021
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL timothy.johnston@sfgov.org	DATE 02/12/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY		DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-0000014

PROJECT TITLE

 MOCCASIN POWERHOUSE BYPASS UPGRADES GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME TIM JOHNSTON	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL timothy.johnston@sfgov.org	PHONE NUMBER (628) 652-7569
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,227.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 3,043.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,437.25 \$ _____

- 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 \$ 84.00 \$ 84.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other 0000787478
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 84.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Melvin Galvez Deputy Clerk
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