

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate  
Innovation, State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT NUMBER:** C-06-8853-110

**PROJECT TITLE:** Estuary Blueprint Implementation (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** San Francisco Bay Delta

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Estuary Blueprint Implementation. The Project includes planning efforts for Estuary Blueprint Implementation.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on February 18, 2026 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Association of Bay Area Governments will be carrying out the Project.

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Class 6: Information Collection**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15306)

**STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Feasibility and Planning Studies**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, section 15262)

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project scope involves planning and feasibility studies and/or data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities, which will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Association of Bay Area Governments

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Caitlin Sweeney

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

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