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LEAD AGENCY CITY OF VACAVILLE	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/21/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Solano	DOCUMENT NUMBER 042126-057	

PROJECT TITLE

**WELLS 16 HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM WELL TREATMENT**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF VACAVILLE C/O KAREN DORADO	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 449-5364
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 650 MERCHANT STREET	CITY VACAVILLE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95688

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 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$3,043.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,437.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|---|----------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ |       |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <i>X Emily Shephard</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE EMILY SHEPHARD, DEPUTY
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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Solano

675 Texas Street #2700

Fairfield, CA 94533

From: (Public Agency): City of Vacaville
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688

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Ian M. Goldberg, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Solano,
State of California

Deputy: Emily Shephard, Deputy

Project Title: Well 16 Hexavalent Chromium Well Treatment

Project Applicant: City of Vacaville c/o Karen Dorado (Karen.Dorado@cityofvacaville.gov)

Project Location - Specific:

Existing Well 16 site adjacent to Vaca Valley parkway and northbound I-505 on-ramp

Project Location - City: Vacaville

Project Location - County: Solano

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the construction and operation of a hexavalent chromium treatment system at the existing Well 16 site. At the Well 16 site, a sewer lateral would be installed connecting to existing sewer mains underneath Vaca Valley Parkway. The project provides treatment of water that would be affected by future hexavalent chromium (Cr VI) maximum contaminant levels, which would provide an adequate and regulatory compliant water supply to the City of Vacaville.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Vacaville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Vacaville c/o Karen Dorado

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: 15303(d), Class 3

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is exempt from environmental review because the Project consists of a limited number of new, small facilities on a developed site that does not contain any sensitive habitats. See attached for further explanation.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: City of Vacaville c/o Albert Enault

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-449-5364

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: Albert Enault

Date: 04/21/2026

Title: Senior 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:

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March 3, 2026  
Project No: 25-18060

Karen Dorado, Junior Utilities Engineer  
City of Vacaville  
650 Merchant Street  
Vacaville, California 95688  
Via email: [Karen.Dorado@CityofVacaville.gov](mailto:Karen.Dorado@CityofVacaville.gov)

Subject: Well 16 Hexavalent Chromium Well Treatment Project - CEQA Categorical Exemption

Dear Ms. Dorado,

This memorandum provides an analysis to support the determination by the City of Vacaville (the lead agency) that the proposed Hexavalent Chromium Well Treatment Project, consisting of Well 16, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

## Project Description

The project consists of the construction and operation of a hexavalent chromium treatment system at the existing Well 16 site. At the Well 16 site, a sewer lateral would be installed connecting to existing sewer mains underneath Vaca Valley Parkway. Construction at the well site would result in under 5,000 feet of impervious surfaces. The well site has been subject to previous disturbances from past grading, well drilling, and paving activities. No tree removal would be required.

## Exemption Analysis

### Suitability of Use of Categorical Exemption

The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (CE) under CEQA. Public Resources Code Section 21084 requires the CEQA Guidelines to identify classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and are therefore exempt from CEQA (see Article 19, Sections 15301 through 15333 of the CEQA Guidelines). These classes of projects under CEQA fall into several distinct categories; Class 3 applies to the project.

### Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Class 3 projects consist of construction and installation of a limited number of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another, where only minor exterior modifications are required.

The project would include the construction of new, small facilities consisting of the hexavalent chromium treatment system, and associated pipelines at the existing Well 16 site. Section 15303 applies to structures in urbanized areas with a permanent footprint of 10,000 square feet or less. As the project's new, small facilities fall within this threshold, Class 3 exemption applies.

### Discussion of CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 Exceptions

The use of a Categorical Exemption is limited by the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, which indicate that projects determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA cannot:



1. Impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies if a Class 3, 4, 5, 6, or 11 Categorical Exemption is used;
2. Result in a significant cumulative impact;
3. Result in a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;
4. Result in damage to scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway;
5. Be located on a hazardous waste site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code; or
6. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

As noted above, the well site is located within a previously disturbed area. The well site does not contain critical habitat for wildlife as this site is previously disturbed and within an urbanized area in Vacaville. Based on a review of the California State Water Resources Control Board's online GeoTracker database<sup>1</sup> and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's online EnviroStor database<sup>2</sup>, the well site is not located on a hazardous waste site. Accordingly, the project would not impact a designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern (Exception #1) or result in environmental impacts concerning hazardous waste sites (Exception #5).

Based on the minimal activities associated with the proposed project and the fact that development would occur within a previously disturbed area, it is unlikely the proposed project would result in significant cumulative impacts (Exception #2) or result in a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances (Exception #3).

Based on a review of the California Department of Transportation's Statewide Scenic Highway Viewer<sup>3</sup>, the nearest officially designated state scenic highway to the well site is State Route 160, located approximately 24 miles east of the well site. Therefore, the project would not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway (Exception #4). Well 16 was constructed in 2004 which does not meet the California Office of Historic Preservation's 45-year age threshold for consideration as a historical resource pursuant to CEQA. Therefore, the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource (Exception #6).

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<sup>1</sup> State Water Resources Control Board. 2025. GeoTracker.  
<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/map/?CMD=runreport&myaddress=vacaville> (accessed February 2026).

<sup>2</sup> California Department of Toxic Substances Control. 2025. EnviroStor.  
<https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?myaddress=Vacaville> (accessed February 2026).

<sup>3</sup> California Department of Transportation. Statewide Scenic Highway.  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/47e2009986264718a5a13a2c81382774> (accessed February 2026).

## Determination

Based on this analysis, the proposed project meets the qualifications of the Class 3 ([Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) categorical exemption and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 19.

Sincerely,  
**Rincon Consultants, Inc.**



Brandt Bates  
Senior Project Manager



Jennifer Jacobus, PhD  
Principal