

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Alameda

1106 Madison Street

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From: (Public Agency): SF Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority

375 Beale Street, Suite 310

San Francisco, California 94105

(Address)

Project Title: Vessel Charging Infrastructure at WETA Central Bay Operations & Maintenance Facility

Project Applicant: SF Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)

Project Location - Specific:

670 W. Hornet Avenue, Alameda, California 94501

Project Location - City: Alameda

Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Please refer to Attachment A, Part 1.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: SF Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SF Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)

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: Classes 1, 2, & 11

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC Section 21080.25

Reasons why project is exempt:

Please refer to Attachment A, Part 2.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Seamus Murphy

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 415-291-3377

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: *Seamus Murphy*
Seamus Murphy (Apr 22, 2026 21:21:08 EDT)

Date: Apr 22, 2026

Title: Executive Director

■ 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: _____

Notice of Exemption - Attachment A

Lead Agency: Water Emergency Transportation Authority

Project Title: Vessel Charging Infrastructure at WETA Central Bay Operations & Maintenance Facility

Part 1. Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Battery electric vessel technology is ready to be used to support existing ferry service in the San Francisco Bay Area. This project includes vessel charging infrastructure at WETA's Central Bay Operations & Maintenance Facility to support the operation and maintenance associated with battery electric ferries. This provides the most effective path of delivering reliable, zero emission ferry transit to the SF Bay Area, and this does not change the existing use of the Central Bay Operations & Maintenance Facility. The project encompasses the construction and installation of shore power pedestals and ancillary electrical infrastructure upgrades to the existing berths at the facility. The vessel charging infrastructure will utilize existing spare electrical capacity and existing structures with spare load capacity.

Part 2. Reasons why project is exempt:

Statutory Exemption

Under PRC Section 21080.25(b), projects that "construct or maintain infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emission ferries" that are carried out by a public agency on property owned by the transit agency, within an existing public right-of-way, or on property owned by a public or private utility are statutorily exempt from CEQA requirements. The proposed Project improvements, which would be carried out and/or funded by WETA on WETA property, and which also include associated utility infrastructure improvements that are consistent with a project "to construct or maintain infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emission ferries" under PRC 21080.25(b). Therefore, the proposed Project satisfies the requirements of PRC Section 21080.25(b) and is statutorily exempt from CEQA.

Categorical Exemptions

The project is consistent with a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guideline § 15301) because it modifies an existing facility with electrical charging infrastructure but involves negligible or no expansion of existing use. The project is consistent with a Class 2 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guideline § 15302) because it will reconstruct an existing facility. The new vessel charging infrastructure will be located on the same site as the existing facility and will have the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The project is consistent with a Class 3 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guideline § 15303) because it involves constructing, installing, and converting a new small structure or facility to a new use with only minor modifications. The project is consistent with a Class 11 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guideline § 15311) because it involves constructing or placing minor structures accessory to an existing ferry operations & maintenance facility. The project will not involve cumulative impacts and will have no reasonable possibility of a significant effect due to unusual circumstances or a uniquely sensitive environment.









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