

Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research P0 Box
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

☐ County Clerk
County of San Francisco _____

From: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality
Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, California 94612

Project Title:

The Exploratorium, San Francisco, San Francisco County- Reissuance of NPDES Permit

Project Location - Specific:

The permit covers the Exploratorium non-contact heating and cooling system, which discharges non-contact heating and cooling water (37.8019°, -122.3969°) and filtered backwash water (37.8019°, -122.3969°) to San Francisco Bay.

Project Location - City San Francisco Project Location - County: San Francisco County

Description of Project:

Waste Discharge Requirements permit the Exploratorium to pump up to 2.0 million gallons per day for heating and cooling water, which discharges to San Francisco Bay.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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: Section 13389 of the California Water Code
☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is adoption of NPDES permit.

Lead Agency: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board

Contact Person: Michelle Thompson

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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: Eileen M. White Digitally signed by Eileen M. White
Date: 2026.06.12 11:28:02 -07'00' Title: Executive Officer

Eileen M. White

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____