



## 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  
Allison Chan, Environmental Project Manager  
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By Tuolumne County Clerk  
Deputy

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| To: | County Clerk, City and County of San Francisco<br>City Hall Room 160<br>1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place<br>San Francisco, CA 94102 | State of California<br>Office of Planning and Research<br>PO Box 3044<br>Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 | Tuolumne County Clerk<br>2 South Green Street<br>Sonora, CA 95370 |
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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.

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\$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.

The seismic refraction and ground penetrating radar surveys would not involve ground disturbance. The geotechnical borings would be up to 8 inches in 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)

13 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.

  
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For Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer

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2/12/2026  
Date

cc: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Environmental Management



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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San Francisco Planning Department

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

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03/02/2026

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Tuolumne

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Moccasin Powerhouse Bypass Upgrades Geotechnical Investigation Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

San Francisco Planning Department

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

(628) 652-7569

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400

CITY

San Francisco

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

94103

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency

☐ School District

☐ Other Special District

☒ [7] State Agency

☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$4,227.50

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$3,043.75

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,437.25

\$

0.00

0 Exempt from fee

0 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

\$

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0 County documentary handling fee

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☐ Other

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☐ Cash

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Taryn Vanderpan, Administrative Technician II



County of Tuolumne, CA

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Note: Notice of Exemption - Moccasin Powerhouse Bypass  
City and County of San Francisco  
March 2, 2026

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