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State of California

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY CLERK
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- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
  - ☐ Filing Fee (new project)
  - ☐ Previously Paid F&W **(must attach F&W receipt and project titles must match)**
  - ☐ No Effect Determination **(F&W letter must be attached)**
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
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- ☑ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

1. LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clara Valley Water District
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: michaelmartin@valleywater.org
3. PROJECT TITLE: Valley Water Demonstration Garden
4. APPLICANT NAME: Santa Clara Valley Water District PHONE: 408-630-3095
5. APPLICANT EMAIL: michaelmartin@valleywater.org
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118
7. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: ☑ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity
8. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 30 DAYS.

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

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Public Notice
Notice of Exemption

Valley Water

To: Santa Clara County
Clerks Office, Business Division
110 West Tasman Drive
San Jose CA 95134

From: Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose CA 95118-3686
Telephone (408) 265 2600

Project Title: Valley Water Demonstration Garden

Project Location–Specific: 5700 Almaden Expressway

Project Location-City: San Jose **Project Location-County:** Santa Clara

Project Purpose: The Demonstration Garden will highlight a watershed approach to landscaping and serve as a functional demonstration garden and community gathering space to showcase Valley Water's Landscape Rebate Program.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- ☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- ☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(c); 15269(b)(c)];
- ☒ Categorical Exemptions Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
  Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The project qualifies for the Class 3 and4 exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines § 15303 and 15304

The project would replace existing landscaping at Valley Water Headquarters with new water efficient landscaping to showcase water conservation efforts. Although approximately nine small trees would be removed, they are not scenic trees and would be replaced with approximately 20 trees. The project meets the standards of the Class 4 exemption, specifically subsection b which allows the replacement of existing landscaping with water efficient landscaping. The garden also includes accessory structures such as shade structures, cisterns, lighting, public art, and signage. These types of structures are covered by the Class 3 exemption (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which exempts the construction of small structures. This exemption covers utility connections such as water, lighting, and stormwater (subsection d) and accessory structures such as the proposed shade structure cistern, art and signage (subsection e). None of the conditions noted under the CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 will occur.

Description of Project:

- Re-landscaping approximately 26,000 sq ft of existing landscape
- Regrading the area
- Tree removal and planting
- Hardscape installation (including pathway and public gathering areas)
- Installation of shade structures and cisterns to capture shade structure rainwater runoff
- Renovation of the existing stormwater drainage system currently in the landscape
- Outdoor lighting, public art installation, and interpretative signage

Lead Agency: Santa Clara Valley Water District
Contact Person: Michael Martin

Area Code/Telephone/Extension
(408) 630-3095

Signature: Signed by: Michael Martin 7283D3FF50BD4AE...

Date: 10/27/2026

Title: Michael Martin
Senior Water Resources Specialist

cc: CEQA Administrative Record

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: ENV26355

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	MICHAELMARTIN@VALLEYWATER.ORG	10/27/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SANTA CLARA	

PROJECT TITLE

VALLEY WATER DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	MICHAELMARTIN@VALLEYWATER.	(408)630-9095

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
5750 ALMADEN EXPRESSWAY	SAN JOSE	CA	95118

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

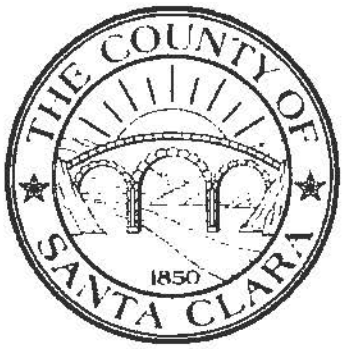
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee		$ $50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Mike Louie	Mike Louie, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder



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