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Public Notice

Notice of Exemption

Valley Water

To: County of Santa Clara
Clerk-Recorder's Office
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San Jose CA 95134

From: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)
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Project Title: Almaden Calero Canal Emergency Maintenance Project

Project Location - Specific: The Project is located along 3,650 linear feet of Almaden Calero Canal (canal stations 114+00 to 150+50) between Almaden Reservoir and Calero Reservoir.

Upstream coordinates: 37.186174, -121.814276
Downstream coordinates: 37.189048, -121.804446

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

Project Purpose: To restore conveyance capacity, discourage the growth of in-channel vegetation, and reduce the risk of blockages, overtopping, and localized flooding along Almaden Calero during the upcoming El Nino winter weather season.

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

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

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- ☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☒ Statutory Exemption [***Emergency Projects***, Sec. 15269(b) and (c)].

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Project is necessary to prevent Almaden Calero Canal from overtopping and flooding downgradient residential properties during the upcoming El Nino winter weather season. This work would reduce the risk of damage to private property and potential impacts to human health and safety downgradient of the canal.

Description of Project: In anticipation of an unprecedented El Nino winter weather season Valley Water is planning emergency maintenance of Almaden Calero Canal. Valley Water would mechanically remove an estimated 676 CY of excess sediment, in-channel vegetation, and organic debris from 3,650 linear feet of Almaden Calero Canal (stations 114+00 to 150+50) using an excavator and dump truck stationed on the adjacent canal maintenance road. The work area would have an average width of 40 feet (the average width of the canal and adjacent maintenance road). The excavated material would be temporarily stockpiled at the Calero Valve Lot and tested prior to being hauled to an appropriate disposal facility. All work and disturbance would occur within the existing footprints of the Almaden Calero Canal and adjacent canal maintenance road.

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Date: November 17, 2026

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cc: California State Clearinghouse (CEQAnet)
CEQA Administrative Record