

Public Notice  
Notice of Exemption



**To:** Santa Clara County  
Clerk-Recorder's Office, Business Division  
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San Jose, CA 95110

**From:** Valley Water  
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**Project Title:** Filter Media Replacement Project at Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant (STWTP)

**Project Location-Specific:** 7011 Graystone Lane, San Jose, CA 95120

**Project Location-City:** San Jose

**Project Location-County:** Santa Clara

**Project Purpose:** To perform service and maintenance on filter media basins at the STWTP.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Valley Water

**Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project:** Valley Water

**Exempt Status:** (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial [§21080(b)(1); 15268];
- ☐ Declared Emergency [§21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- ☐ Emergency Project [§21080(b)(c); 15269(b)(c)];
- ☒ Categorical Exemptions [§15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities]
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions

**Description of Project:** The proposed project would involve routine servicing and maintenance of the west and east filter media basins at STWTP. The following components of the filter media basins would be removed and replaced: filter media, underdrain nozzles, influent deflectors, influent valves, and wash-water valves. Plumbing improvements would be made to prevent filter media loss and optimize filter performance. Work would occur in phases over the duration of approximately 18 months and is tentatively scheduled to begin in December 2021. All materials and equipment would be staged on-site in paved areas.

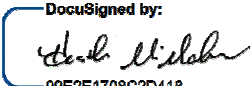
**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project is limited to routine servicing and maintenance of the west and east filter media basins at an existing water treatment plant. The project would not result in the construction of new or expansion of existing facilities. Water treatment capacity would not increase. All work and staging would be limited to the existing STWTP site. Therefore, the project meets the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15301 and is eligible for a Class 1 categorical exemption (CE) for "Existing Facilities."

"Class 1, §15301, consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination."

The project does not include any factors that would preempt the project's eligibility for a CE per CEQA Guidelines §15300.2.

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