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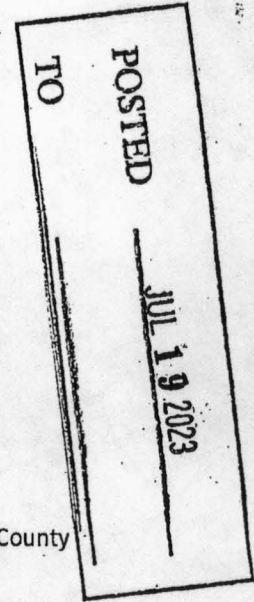
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



Final Approval Date: July 17, 2023
Case No.: 2022-004533ENV
Project Title: O'Shaughnessy Dam Instream Flow Release (IFR) Valve Installation Project
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Environmental Management
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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.

Project Description

The Canyon Tunnel Facility includes an Instream Flow Release (IFR) system, which relies on two 36-needle valves (Valve 12 and Valve 13), embedded in the bulkhead above the Tuolumne River to regulate releases from O'Shaughnessy Dam to the Tuolumne River. The IFR system also includes two 36-inch gate valves inside the access (tunnel) shaft, and two independently operated pipes (#12 and #13) that branch from the 108-inch diversion pipeline inside the diversion tunnel and connect to the valves. The valves are over 100 years old and have exceeded their service lives.

The purpose of this Project is to replace the existing damaged and aged needle valves and appurtenances. The Project would include the following components in two work phases. Phase 1: Modify the exterior north wall of the access shaft building and install a rail-cart system over the access shaft opening. Phase 2: Modify the interior of the access shaft building, including installation of landing platform, staircase, gantry crane system, and walkways; and replace two 36-inch needle valves with axial control valves, install two new knife gate valves, and replace portions of the twin 36-inch pipelines and appurtenances. With the exception of

limited work from outside the needle valves and the access shaft building, this work is all interior to the access shaft building and within the tunnel. No trees would be removed or pruned as part of the Project.

Determination

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out and approve the project on June 13, 2023 at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) hearing with the awarding of the construction contract to perform the proposed project work. The project was officially approved on July 17, 2023 when no appeal of the Categorical 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. 2022-004533ENV.

- 1. An Exemption from Environmental Review has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA under:
 - 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, Section 15031 and Class 2, Section 15302
 - Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____
 - Community Plan Exemption (Sec. 21083.3; 15183)

- 2. This project in its approved form has been determined to be exempt from environmental review because it fits the definition of the above-stated classes of categorical exemption and none of the exceptions to the issuance of a categorical exemption apply.

Rich Hillis
Planning Director

Julie Moore for _____
By Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer

July 17, 2023
Date

cc: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Environmental Management
Other interested parties

