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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



Final Approval Date: July 17, 2023  
Case No.: 2021-006486ENV  
Project Title: San Francisco Zoo Recycled Water Pipeline 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

- Installation of a 6-inch-diameter cast or ductile iron pipeline from stub-out of the existing recycled water pipeline (at the intersection of Skyline and Sloat boulevards) to the Zoo's existing, underground groundwater reservoir (located on the south side of the Sloat Boulevard/43rd Avenue intersection). The new pipeline would be approximately 1,400 linear feet long and located entirely along the paved portion of Sloat Boulevard.
- Installation of two concrete valve vaults (approximately 4 feet wide by 6 feet long and 5 feet deep), one near the Zoo reservoir and another near the intersection of Sloat and Skyline boulevards.
- Installation of associated communication and electrical conduits and new monitoring sensors.
- Reconfiguration of the groundwater supply line to the reservoir including construction of an above ground air gap to meet regulatory standards. This would involve rerouting a short length of the pipeline from underground next to the reservoir to above grade adjacent to the reservoir wall and into a penetration in the roof of the reservoir.
- Upgrade of the existing Groundwater Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system at the Groundwater Pump Station as needed.

- Installation of a 32-foot long, 1-inch diameter potable water line for an existing animal drinker.
- Minor cutting of irrigation pipes below ground surface and capping within the zoo.

**Determination**

The City and County of San Francisco decided to approve the State Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) grant funding for the project on June 13, 2023 at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) hearing. The SFPUC would carry out the project in the future. 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. 2021-006486ENV.

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: Section 15303, Class 3
  - 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

Julia Moore for \_\_\_\_\_  
By Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer

July 17, 2023  
Date

cc: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Environmental Management  
Supervisor Myrna Melgar, District 7  
Other interested parties

