

Notice of Exemption

21-2025-028

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 234
San Rafael, CA 94903

From: (Public Agency): Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
300 Smith Ranch Road
San Rafael, CA 94903
(Address)

Project Title: Effluent Disposal Marsh Pond Cattails Maintenance

Project Applicant: Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

Project Location - Specific:

LGVSD Reclamation Area (APN 155-011-15) near Miller Creek

Project Location - City: San Rafael Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

(See attached)

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SHELLY SCOTT
MARIN COUNTY CLERK
BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 (Section 15301)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 (Section 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.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michael P. Cortez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (415) 472-1734

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [X] Yes [ ] No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 3/4/2025 Title: District Engineer

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of the project is to perform routine maintenance of existing facilities that are consistent with the original design and operation of the Marsh Pond. The work does not alter the overall footprint or function of the storage basin. Routine maintenance of this nature is anticipated every 2-3 years to prevent potential mosquito breeding in the basin, at the same time restoring storage capacity and protecting levees, piping, effluent transfer boxes, and other facilities constructed under the 1989 Effluent Disposal Project, Unit II (EPA Project No. C-06-2469-120). The District's National Pollutant Elimination Discharge Permit (NPDES) No. CA0037851 issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) requires proper operation and maintenance of all facilities and systems installed or used by the District to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

The project consists of reestablishing the interior pond levee slope and restoring storage volume by removing invasive cattails, which have colonized a significant section of the Marsh Pond.