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Deputy County Clerk

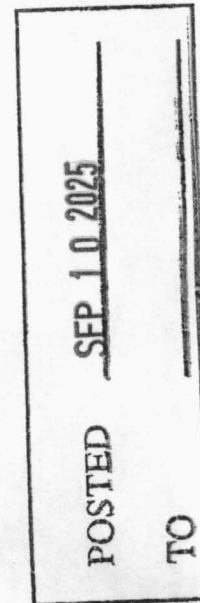
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Final Approval Date: April 29, 2025
Case No.: **2023-000654ENV**
Project Title: **Lower Alemany Area Stormwater Improvements Project**
Zoning: P, PDR-2, RH-1
Block/Lot: Not applicable
Lot Size: Not applicable
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
Project Sponsor: Suzanne Huang, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94102



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.

Attached fee: \$84 filing fee

Project Description

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is proposing to implement the Lower Alemany Area Stormwater Improvements Project (project) to manage stormwater and to meet the SFPUC's Sewer System Improvement Program level of service goals in the Lower Alemany neighborhood.

The project area sits in the Islais Creek watershed and historically floods during large storm events. During such events, flooding typically begins at the intersection of Alemany Boulevard and Ellsworth Street and continues beyond the U.S. 101 /Interstate 280 (I-280) interchange into Industrial Street and Bayshore Boulevard. The project is generally located along Alemany Boulevard and Gaven Street (south of I-280) and Boutwell Street and Industrial Street east of the U.S. 101 and I-280 interchange.

The project includes constructing a new, approximately 1.4-mile-long, Alemany auxiliary sewer. The Alemany auxiliary sewer alignment primarily occurs along Alemany Boulevard and Gaven Street (south of I-280), beneath U.S. 101, and along Boutwell Street and Industrial Street east of the I-280/U.S.-101 interchange. The Alemany auxiliary sewer would connect upstream to the existing Alemany sewer and downstream to the existing Barneveld Industrial Connection Structure, which includes the Industrial sewer and the Islais Creek transport/storage sewer. The Project primarily includes construction of the following components:

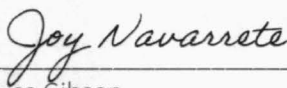
- Alemany Auxiliary Sewer – Tunnel and Shafts: approximately 6,350 linear feet of 10-foot-inside-diameter tunnel and three associated construction shafts and five permanent vent shafts.
- Alemany Auxiliary Sewer – Box Sewer: approximately 1,000 linear feet of box
- Upstream and downstream sewer connections

Determination

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on April 29, 2025. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission approved the project and will carry out the project. The project was officially approved on September 2, 2025 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. 2023-000654ENV.

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, Existing Facilities (Sec. 21084(a); 15301) and Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Sec. 21084(a); 15303)
 - ☐ 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.

Sarah Dennis Phillips
Planning Director


By Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer

9/10/2025

Date

cc: Suzanne Huang, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Supervisor Chyanne Chen, District 11
Supervisor Jackie Fielder, District 9
Supervisor Shamann Walton, District 10



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SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT	pic@sfgov.org	09/10/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY	2025-0000064	
PROJECT TITLE		

LOWER ALEMANY AREA STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,401.75 \$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)


☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 84.00 \$ 84.00
☐ Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other 0000757288 **TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 84.00**

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	Giselle Romo Deputy Clerk