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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

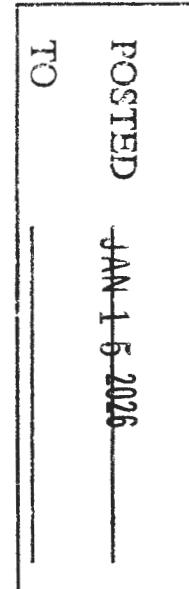
Final Approval Date: January 13, 2026
Case No.: 2025-010275ENV
Project Title: San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD) Emergency Project – Embarcadero Fountain by Armand Vaillancourt (Vaillancourt Fountain)
Project Location-Specific: Embarcadero Plaza
Project Location-City/County: City and County of San Francisco
Zoning: P (Public)
OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: Block/Lot: 0233/035
Lot Size: 89,118 square feet
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
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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.

Attached fee: \$84 filing fee



Project Description

San Francisco recreation and park department (SFRPD) proposes to disassemble and remove the Embarcadero Fountain for storage and further analysis, in order to both eliminate an immediate public safety risk and facilitate further investigation into the Fountain's deteriorating structural integrity and hazardous materials used in its construction.

The Embarcadero Fountain was designed by Armand Vaillancourt and completed in 1971 as part of Lawrence Halprin's overall design for the plaza. The Fountain has been inoperable since May 2024, when its last functioning pump failed. The proposed project would be implemented over approximately two months and would include disassembling the Fountain, transporting its components to a secure off-site storage facility for a period of up to three years to allow for further investigation of the extent of deterioration to the physical structure and consideration of possible restoration, repair, relocation, repurposing or other future actions relating to the Fountain.

Determination

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on November 3, 2025, when the arts commission approved the project. The project was officially approved on January 13, 2026, when the board of supervisors upheld the statutory exemption and denied an appeal of the statutory exemption. 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. 2025-010275ENV.

1. Exempt Status:

- 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. State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: 15269
- Community Plan Exemption (Sec. 21083.3; 15183)

2. Reason for Determination: This project in its approved form has been determined to be exempt from environmental review because it fits the definition of the above-stated statutory exemption.


For Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer

January 15, 2026

Date

cc: Supervisor Sauter, District 3

Date Received for filing at OPR:



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a



RECEIPT NUMBER:

38-01/15/2026-013

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL pic@sfgov.org	DATE 01/15/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY		DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-0000008
PROJECT TITLE		

SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT (SFRPD) EMERGENCY PROJECT – EMBARCADERO FOUNTAIN BY ARMAND VAILLANCOURT (VAILLANCOURT FOUNTAIN)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KEI ZUSHI	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL kei.zushi@sfgov.org	PHONE NUMBER (628) 652-7495
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 49 SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE, SUITE 1400	CITY SAN FRANCISCO	STATE CA
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$ 4,227.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$ 3,043.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$ 1,437.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)

CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$ 850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other 774777

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 84.00

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