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PROJECT TITLE  
 1173 SARATOGA AVENUE GRAVITY MAIN REALIGNMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SERGIO RAMIREZ	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 500 LAUREL STREET	CITY MENLO PARK	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94025

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 3,539.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,548.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,203.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
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## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** County Clerk  
County of San Mateo  
555 County Center  
Redwood City, CA 94063

**From:** West Bay Sanitary District  
500 Laurel Street  
Menlo Park CA 94025

**Project Title:** 1173 Saratoga Avenue Gravity Main Realignment

**Project Location – Specific:** Within an easement in the rear of 1173 Saratoga Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA

**Project Location – City:** East Palo Alto **Project Location – County:** San Mateo

**Description of Project:** Realignment of Gravity sewer main

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** West Bay Sanitary District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Milandra Piterman

**Exempt Status:**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15601(b)(3), General Rule;  
Categorical Exemption. Class 1 – Section 15301 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.  
(b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

This project is exempt from CEQA because it can be “seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant impact on the environment.” This certainty is based on the District’s past experience with numerous sewer construction projects of this nature, and the mitigated measures included in all such projects to alleviate any impacts. Most project elements also are exempt as minor alteration of existing public utilities with negligible or no expansion of use.

**Lead Agency: West Bay Sanitary District**

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Sergio Ramirez (650) 321-0384

  
Signature

Date: 6/22/2022 Title: District Manager


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## "PRELIMINARY REVIEW"

1173 Saratoga Avenue Gravity Main Realignment  
June 16, 2022

**INTRODUCTION.** At the June 22, 2022 District Board Meeting, the Board will consider the approval of the Class 3 Sewer Permit for the realignment of a gravity sewer main line within an new easement at 1173 Saratoga Avenue in East Palo Alto; and the authorization for the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) "Notice of Exemption" for the project. This project is proposed by the homeowners at 1173 Saratoga Avenue, Milandra Piterman.

**EXEMPTION REVIEW.** In compliance with CEQA Guidelines, this "preliminary review" of the gravity sewer mainline realignment within the easement at 1173 Saratoga Avenue was conducted to determine whether the project is exempt from CEQA. Based on this review, staff has concluded that the project is exempt from CEQA under several sections of the guidelines. In summary, the project would not have any significant impacts on the environment because it includes little or no expansion of capacity, and will employ mitigation measures to alleviate any impacts.

This preliminary review presents and elaborates upon the rationale for the conclusions reached by staff.

Staff has concluded that all project elements are exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) (known as the "General Rule"), since it can be "seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment."

This certainty is based on the District's past experience with numerous sewer construction projects of this nature, and the mitigation measures included in all such projects to alleviate any impacts.

**Past Experience.** The District has completed many miles of sewer construction projects and pump station rehabilitation projects in commercial and residential areas throughout Menlo Park, Atherton, and the County of San Mateo, including the Portola Valley area. While construction-related impacts on land use, traffic, noise, air quality, erosion, drainage, public safety, and cultural resources can occur, no significant environmental impacts have resulted from this work.

The reasons these have been "less-than-significant" include the short-term nature of construction activities, application of the District's standard construction mitigation measures, good community relations outreach programs to inform project area residents of construction activities, and active coordination with local jurisdictions.

**Construction Mitigation Measures.** Specific impact mitigation measures will be included in the proposed project to avoid, minimize, reduce, or rectify for construction-related impacts. These measures are used on all sewer construction projects. The measures address dust control; erosion control; noise control; protection of soils; provision for adequate drainage; protection and restoration of structures; precautions for working

near sensitive and unique vegetation, protection and restoration of vegetation, landscaping, and improvements; public health and safety precautions; community notifications; traffic control; and preservation of cultural resources.

Most project elements also are exempt as minor alteration of existing public utilities with negligible or no expansion of use.

Staff has concluded that most project elements are "categorically exempt" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

CONCLUSION. Based on the information presented herein, staff has concluded that all of the realignment of the gravity sewer main line is exempt from CEQA under the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the General Rule), and that most project elements are also exempt under CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (b).

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