



# San Francisco Planning

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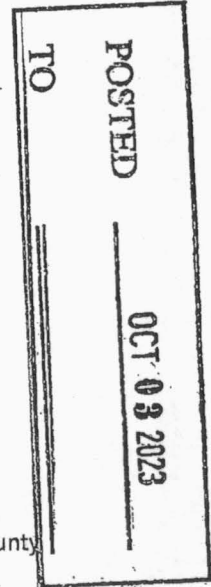
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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



**Final Approval Date:** 9/28/2023  
**Case No.:** 2023-004039ENV  
**Project Title:** O'Shaughnessy Dam Boat Ramp Repair Project  
**Lead Agency:** San Francisco Planning Department  
**Project Sponsor:** San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Environmental Management (415) 934-5700  
**Staff Contact:** Timothy Johnston, Senior Environmental Planner (628) 652-7569  
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**Attached fees:** \$79 filing fee \$50 filing fee

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

The Project involves repair of the O'Shaughnessy boat ramp located at the O'Shaughnessy Dam at Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Tuolumne County. The Project would install a soldier pile retaining wall system to replace the gabion basket wall repair that is currently failing and would resurface the boat ramp access roadway for more secure and convenient access to the reservoir. The Project does not require any expansion of use or re-configuration of the existing boat ramp structure. The Project requires work below the Ordinary High-Water Mark (OHWM) of Hetch Hetchy Reservoir; however, no in-water work would occur because construction is scheduled for the summer when the water level is low and can be maintained low to keep the work area dry.

#### Soldier Pile Wall with Concrete Lagging

Following removal of the existing gabion basket wall and associated rock fill, soldier piles would be installed on the downhill side of the boat ramp and access road to construct a retaining wall capable of stabilizing fills and carrying design loads across the unstable slope. The soldier pile wall would be approximately 100 feet long supported by 20 soldier piles spaced 4 feet apart. The Project requires drilling 18-inch diameter holes into bedrock to a maximum depth of 15 feet. Piles would be placed into pre-drilled sockets. Between the soldier piles, concrete lagging would be inserted from the top of the bedrock to the top of the steel pile to form a wall. For the lagging insertion, disturbance would occur within a 5-foot-wide area along the edge of the reservoir side of the road, along the soldier wall length. All debris and waste, including rock fill and gabion basket materials, would be disposed of off-site.

**Ornamental Rock Wall Facade**

The vertical portion of the reservoir side wall would be covered with a mortared ornamental rock wall and sloped rip-rap to match the surrounding area. This ornamental rock wall façade would blend in with the natural bedrock surroundings and would be the only visible element of the retaining wall (i.e., the underlying soldier pile wall would be completely hidden). Upon completion, the site would otherwise be restored to pre-failure extents and conditions.

**Resurfacing of the Access Roadway**

The Project involves repaving the entire 1,100-foot-long by 12-foot-wide boat ramp access roadway with reinforced concrete once the road is stabilized using the soldier wall system. The maximum depth of disturbance would be approximately 8 inches. The work area would remain dry until the concrete is cured.

**Determination**

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on August 28, 2023 with the signing of the construction compliance form by the project manager and the SFPUC would carry out the project. The project was officially approved on September 28, 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. 2023-004039ENV.

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 2, Section 15302
- 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

*Julie Moore* for \_\_\_\_\_  
By Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer

September 28, 2023  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date

cc: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Environmental Management  
Other interested parties



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 38-10/03/2023-111  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2023-0000065	

PROJECT TITLE  
 O'SHAUGHNESSY DAM BOAT RAMP REPAIR 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) \$ 3,839.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,764.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,305.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \$ 79.00 \$ 79.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

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 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 79.00

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