

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Novato, CA 94945

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**Project Title**

Collection System Improvements; Project No. 72706-2019-04, Center Road Sewer Project

**Project Location (Specific):**

The following streets: Center Road between Western Avenue and St. Francis Avenue.

**Project Location (City):**

Novato

**Project Location - County**

Marin

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

This activity consists of the discretionary approval for the project. The project consists of installing 2,321 feet of 18" sewer and replacing 174 feet of 8" sewer with 10" sewer. This work is being completed to reduce the possibility of a sanitary sewer overflow into waterways by upsizing the Center Road Sewer as recommended in the October 2019 Collection System Master Plan. The beneficiaries of the project include the people served by the Novato Sanitary District and the people of the State of California, by eliminating the potential for discharge of sewage into nearby creeks, storm drains and Novato Creek.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project**

Novato Sanitary District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project**

Novato Sanitary District

**Exempt Status: (Check One)**

- Ministerial (Section 15073)
- Declared Emergency (Section 15071(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15071(b) and (c))
- Categorical or Statutory Exemption. State type and section number: State Guidelines Section 15302(c), replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structures will be located on the same site as the structures replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structures replaced.

**Reasons why project is exempt**

This project meets the criteria of a Class II categorical exemption, as set forth in Section 15302 of the State Guidelines. This determination is made because the work is considered a replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structures will be located on the same site as the structures replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structures replaced.

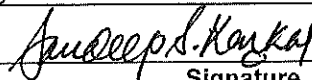
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**Date Received for Filing**

  
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General Manager-Chief Engineer

Title

**NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT  
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Name of Project:

Collection System Improvements, District Project No. 72706-2019-04, Center Road Sewer Project, Center Road between Western Avenue & St. Francis Avenue

Location and Description:

Work will be located on Center Road between Western Avenue and St. Francis Avenue in Novato, California. The project consists of installing 2,321 feet of 18" sewer and replacing 184 feet of 8" sewer with 10" sewer. This work is being completed to reduce the possibility of a sanitary sewer overflow into waterways by upsizing the Center Road Sewer as recommended in the October 2019 Collection System Master Plan.

Entity or Person Undertaking Project:

Novato Sanitary District

Staff Determination:

The District, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), finds that this work does not require further environmental assessment as the project is Categorical Exempt under State CEQA Guidelines – **Class II** (Section 15302, (c)). This determination was made because the work consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structures will be located on the same site as the structures replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structures replaced.

Date: 05/10/2022

  
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Authorized Person

Sandeep Karkal, General Manager-Chief Engineer