Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Marin
3561 Civic Center Drive, Suite 234
San Rafael, CA 94903

From: Central Marin Sanitation Agency
1301 Andersen Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901

Project Title: Liquid Organic Waste Receiving and Biogas Treatment Upgrades

Project Applicant: Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA)

Project Location - Specific:
CMSA Wastewater Treatment Facility: 1301 Andersen Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901

Project Location - City: San Rafael
Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
CMSA owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and an Organic Waste Receiving Facility (OWRF). The purpose of this Project is to enhance the OWRF by constructing a new above-grade tank to allow more flexibility for CMSA to receive liquid organic wastes, and upgrading the biogas treatment system to provide redundancy and reliability to treat the biogas that is used for the existing cogeneration system at the WWTP.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Marin Sanitation Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CMSA

Exempt Status: (check one):

☐ 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: Existing Facilities 15301
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The Project consists of installing a new above-grade receiving tank for liquid organic wastes, replacing existing biogas treatment equipment, and performing minor site improvements at CMSA’s existing WWTP, involving negligible expansion of existing use. Consistent with the categorical exemption outlined under Section 21083 of the Public Resources Code, the Project meets all criteria for a Class 1 exemption under Section 15301(b) of CEQA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Joyce Cheung
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If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☐ No ☒

Signature: __________________________ Date: 10/18/22
Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 2152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: ____________________

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The Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) finds that this Project is Categorically Exempt under Section 21083 and 21084 of the Public Resources Code (Application of Division pertaining to Existing Facilities) Section 15301 of CEQA. This finding is based on:

1. The Project consists of installing a new above-grade receiving tank and associated mechanical equipment including site improvements at CMSA’s existing wastewater treatment facility, consistent with the categorical exemption outlined under Section 15301(b) of CEQA for Existing Facilities.

2. The Project would occur entirely within CMSA-owned existing facilities, which is a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) that provides wastewater treatment, waste receiving, and renewable power.

3. The purpose of this Project is to provide operational flexibility, redundancy, and reliability at the facility, and would result in negligible expansion of existing permitted use.

4. Additions to the existing facilities would result in an increase of approximately 1,800 square feet to existing structures, which is less than 2,500 square feet and less than 50 percent of the floor area of the structures before the addition, consistent with the categorical exemption outlined under Section 15301(e)(1) of CEQA for Existing Facilities.