

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning & Research
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From: SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
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Project Title: Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2019

Project Location - Specific: The planning area for the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2019 Update (2019 Plan) includes all or part of the following counties: Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco as shown in Figure 1. In Sonoma County, the planning area includes the Petaluma and Sonoma Creek watersheds.

Project Location - City: Cities within the Bay Area planning area **Project Location - County:** Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Bay Area IRWMP) was first completed and adopted in 2006 (Original Plan); and updated and adopted in 2013 (2013 Plan). The 2019 Plan updates and expands upon the 2013 Plan, documents progress towards meeting Integrated Regional Water Management Plan objectives, and identifies ongoing regional needs and issues. It also serves as a platform to secure future state and federal funding, and its update and adoption are required by agencies with projects currently funded with Proposition 1 water bond monies. Adoption of the 2019 Plan would not commit participating agencies to complete or fund particular projects listed in the 2019 Plan, but rather it would make these projects eligible for funding under Propositions 84 and 1E and future bonds. Grants would be implemented under the Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Program administered by the CA Department of Water Resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Water Agency


Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Bay Area Regional Water Management Group, including the Sonoma County Water Agency.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

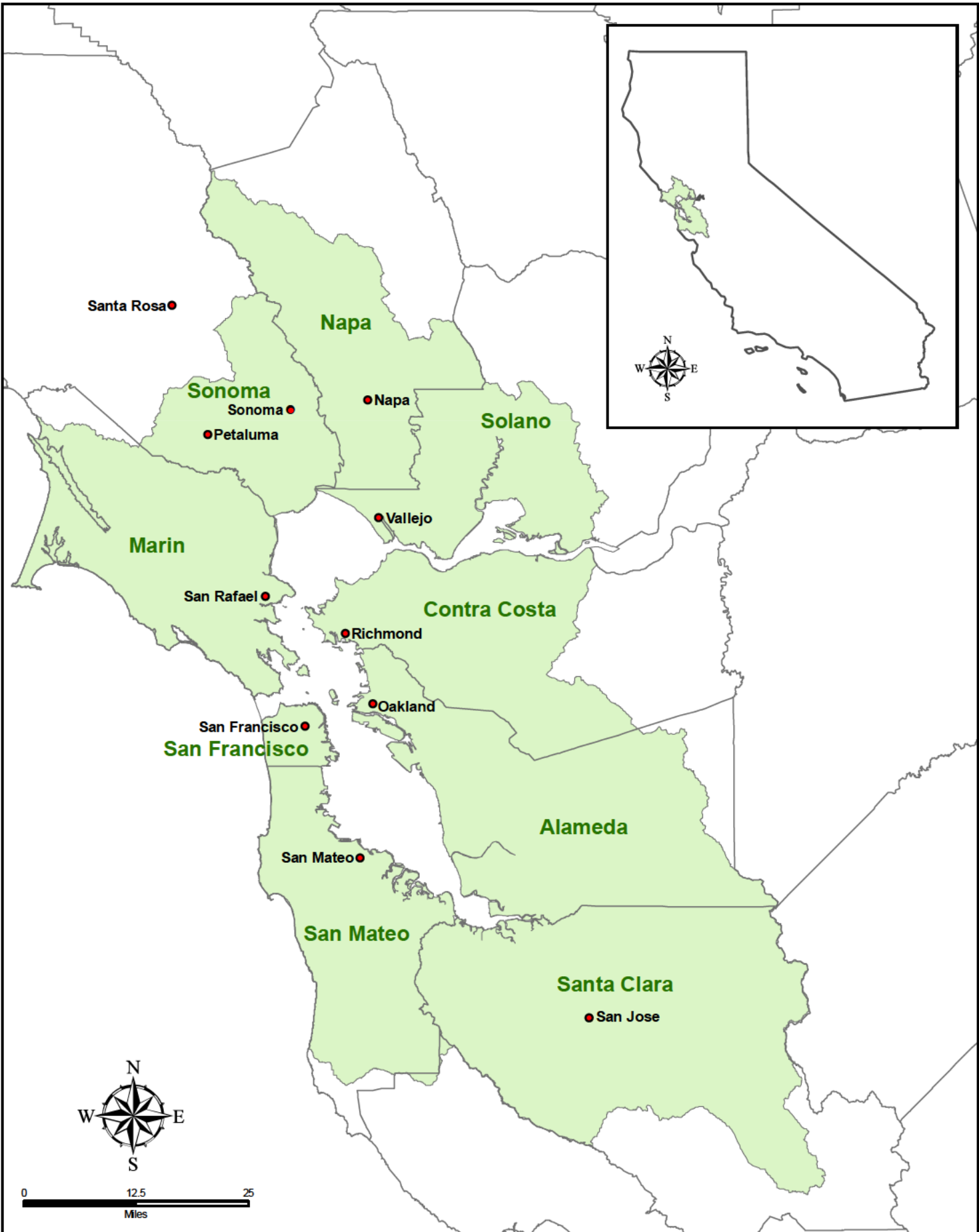
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268) _____
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); _____
- Emergency Project (Sec.21080 (b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); _____
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines §15306: Information Collection; §15262: Feasibility and Planning Studies _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which would not result in the disturbance of any environmental resource (CEQA Guidelines §15306). Additionally, the project involves planning studies for possible future actions which the participating agencies have not yet approved. Once the Bay Area IRWM 2019 Plan Update is approved, there will be no legally binding effect on later activities (CEQA Guidelines §15262).

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Signature:  Date: 6/9/2020 Title: General Manager

Lead Agency _____
Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



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**Planning Area for the
Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**

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