



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office
1106 Madison Street
Oakland, CA 94607

FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
Office of the Secretary - (510) 287-0404
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Oakland, CA 94607-4240

- Lead Agency is the Project Applicant
- Lead Agency is Public Agency Approving Project
- Lead Agency is Carrying Out Project

PROJECT INFORMATION

1. **TITLE:** EBMUD 2021 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Guidelines Update
2. **LOCATION:** *(City, County, and specific location)*
EBMUD-owned property in five counties (see attached project description and coverage map)
3. **DESCRIPTION:** East Bay Municipal Utility District (District) conducts pest management activities at various District sites, spanning across Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Calaveras, and Amador counties. The project involves updating the guidelines document for the District's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program. See the attached project description for more information.

EXEMPTION FINDING (Check one)



This project is exempt from CEQA because:

1. Activity is not a project
2. Activity is Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(1); Guideline 15268)
3. Activity is a Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3); Guideline 15269(a))
4. Activity is an Emergency Project (Sec.21080(b)(4); Guideline 15269(b)(c))
5. Activity is Categorically Exempt Under Guideline 15061(b)(3)
6. Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline _____
7. Reasons why project is exempt: The IPM Guidelines changes included in the 2021 updates merely acknowledge longstanding District practices, reflect enhanced record-keeping and documentation requirements, and/or would require changes in District IPM practices that would increase protection of human health and the environment. Accordingly, there is no possibility the 2021 IPM Guidelines Updates may have a significant effect on the environment, and the Updates are therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT:

<u>5/28/21</u>	<u>Gopal Nair</u>	<u>Chandra Johannesson</u>
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. initial)
<u>David Woodard</u>		
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

<u>6/3/2021</u>	
DATE	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
<u>6/7/21</u>	
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK	SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT 2021 IPM GUIDELINES UPDATE

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (District) has updated the written guidelines for its Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. The IPM Guidelines govern the District's pest management activities at various sites, spanning across Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Calaveras and Amador Counties. The District is responsible for implementing pest management practices across approximately 57,000 acres of watershed lands and reservoirs in the East Bay and Sierra foothills, over 100 miles of rights-of-way along the aqueducts, and facility grounds in five counties. The updated IPM Guidelines can be found at <https://www.ebmud.com/about-us/sustainability/>. Please refer to the maps in Attachment A for an overview of the locations where the District performs IPM activities.

The District's IPM Guidelines were last revised in 2010, and since that time, several improvements and updates to the District's IPM Program have been made. The 2021 IPM Guidelines Updates reflect these IPM program enhancements. Changes to the IPM Guidelines reflected in the 2021 updates include the following:

- The District established a goal to minimize pesticide use over time to the maximum extent feasible.
- The District added substantial detail to the guidelines regarding the IPM decision-making process and describing new documentation and record-keeping requirements put in place since the Guidelines were last updated in 2010.
- The District revised the Guidelines to correct erroneous statements that were inconsistent with the District's longstanding IPM practices. For example, the Guidelines now (1) recognize that the District has historically used restricted use pesticides and approved aquatic pesticides, and (2) clarify IPM program roles and responsibilities to reflect actual practice within the District.
- The District updated its list of District-approved pesticides to reflect longstanding practice and added to the Guidelines a robust multi-step process used to consider whether to add additional pesticides to that list.
- The District increased signage requirements to require posting of signs notifying the public and District employees of pesticide use, regardless of whether signage is required by the pesticide label.
- The District added new language describing cleaning requirements for equipment and vehicles that are used for pesticide application.
- The District added language clarifying pesticide handler training requirements to reflect longstanding District practices.
- The District added language describing communication and outreach procedures, including both internal information sharing and external outreach tools to keep the public informed of the District's IPM practices.

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ATTACHMENT A: PROJECT LOCATION MAP

