



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>TO:</b> <b>Contra Costa County</b> <b>Clerk-Recorder's Office</b> <b>555 Escobar Street</b> <b>Martinez, CA 94553</b>	<b>FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)</b> <b>EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT</b> <b>Office of the Secretary - (510) 287-0404</b> <b>375 Eleventh Street, MS 806</b> <b>Oakland, CA 94607-4240</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency is the Project Applicant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency is Public Agency Approving Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency is Carrying Out Project
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<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b> 1. <b>TITLE:</b> Water Quality Research Facility 2. <b>LOCATION:</b> (City, County, and specific location) Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, 2201 Larkey Lane 3. <b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This project will construct a water quality research facility on the Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant (WCWTP) grounds. This includes retrofitting the existing decant building, constructing another small building adjacent to the decant, and installing related equipment into these two buildings. In addition, a new pipeline will tie into the Mokelumne aqueducts just east of WCWTP and transport the water, through EBMUD owned land, to the facility. See Attachment A for additional information.	<b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>MAR 14 2024</b>  Office of the Secretary
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<b>EXEMPTION FINDING (Check one)</b> This project is exempt from CEQA because: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Activity is not a project 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Activity is Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(1); Guideline 15268) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Activity is a Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3); Guideline 15269(a)) 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Activity is an Emergency Project (Sec.21080(b)(4); Guideline 15269(b)(c)) 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Activity is Categorical Exempt Under Guideline 15303 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline _____ 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasons why project is exempt: The project will be conducted in previously disturbed/developed areas. This project is exempt under 15303 since it involves the construction and location of one small building not exceeding 4,000 square feet of floor space, the conversion of a portion of an existing building where only minor exterior modifications will be made, and only small, new equipment will be installed inside the new and modified buildings. The project will also install a new pipeline on EBMUD property to transport water from EBMUD's aqueducts to the new facility, approximately 1,700-ft in length.	2024-00075 <b>FILED</b> <b>March 12, 2024</b> <b>KRISTIN B. CONNELLY</b> <b>CLERK-RECORDER</b> By <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Deputy clerk
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<b>APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: Process Engineering - 794</b>			
<u>2/22/2024</u>	<u>Ryan J. Klemencic</u> <i>[Signature]</i>	<u>Gordon J. Williams</u> <i>[Signature]</i>	
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (Initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unk Supv. Initial)	
<u>Susan M. Teefy</u> <i>[Signature]</i>			
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)			
<u>Ryan J. Klemencic</u>	<u>606</u>	<u>Associate Civil Engineer</u>	<u>510-287-1138</u>
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE	PHONE

<b>NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK</b>	
<u>2/22/24</u>	<u>David A. Briggs</u> <i>[Signature]</i>
DATE	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
<u>3/08/2024</u>	<u>Rischa S. Cole</u> <i>[Signature]</i>
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK	SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 07-03/12/2024-075  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/12/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2024-00075	

PROJECT TITLE  
WATER QUALITY RESEARCH FACILITY

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (510) 287-0404
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 375 ELEVENTH STREET, MS 806, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY	CITY OAKLAND	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94607-4240

**PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)**

Local Public Agency     
  School District     
  Other Special District     
  State Agency     
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,051.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,916.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,377.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 \$ 50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other 200046073     
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Annaleah Cruz Deputy Clerk
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 MAR 14 2024  
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Kristin B. Connelly  
Contra Costa  
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555 Escobar Street  
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Date/Time: 03/12/2024 11:11 AM

Description	Fee
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION	
Filing Time:	11:11 AM
Filing Total:	\$50.00
Filing Fee:	\$50.00
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Total Amount Due:	\$50.00
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Amount Due:	\$0.00

THANK YOU  
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE



**ATTACHMENT A**  
**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**WATER QUALITY RESEARCH FACILITY**

**Overview and Background**

The project will retrofit the existing decant building at the EBMUD Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant (WCWTP) and build a new building directly adjacent that together will serve as the new permanent Water Quality Research Facility (WQRF). In addition, the project will install a new pipeline approximately 1700-ft long to transport untreated water from the Mokelumne aqueducts to the WQRF. The permanent WQRF facility will replace the temporary pilot-scale treatment plant located at the Walnut Creek Raw Water Pumping Plant (WCRWPP).

**Project Purpose and Objectives**

The small temporary pilot plant facility at the WCRWPP has been operating beyond its expected useful life and capabilities. The purpose of this project is to replace that temporary facility with a permanent one dedicated to testing and optimizing the performance of EBMUD's water treatment plants, evaluating advanced treatment technologies, testing supplemental water sources, and addressing other water quality concerns. The new facility will also provide staff with improved on-site safety and properly designed workstations.

**Project Location**

Most of the project site is located inside the fence of EBMUD's WCWTP property. A small portion of the new pipeline installation will occur outside the plant's western fence, but still on EBMUD property.

**Project Description**

The WCWTP's existing decant building will be retrofit to house features of the WQRF. These new features will be contained entirely within the existing building, with only minor modifications to the building's exterior. Those modifications include removing an existing window and installing a new door on the side elevations and installing a new HVAC system on the roof. The new internal features will include staff workstations, a laboratory, chemical feed room, and pretreatment room.

The new building will have less than 3,000 square feet of floor space over two floors and will be approximately 26-ft tall. The building will house the treatment filters, a disinfection skid, and an office. It will be located directly off the north-eastern side of the existing decant building and blend in with the treatment plant's existing infrastructure.

The project will also include installation of an onsite pipeline using open trench construction method to connect the Mokelumne Aqueducts to the new WQRF facilities. Onsite pipeline construction includes the installation of approximately 1700-ft of a 4-inch pipeline. A portion of the new pipeline will be outside the fencing surrounding the water treatment plant and aqueduct yard. In this area, the pipeline will cross East Bay Regional Park District's Briones to Mount Diablo Regional Trail on EBMUD property. During this section of pipeline's construction, hikers will still access the trail, but may be rerouted a short distance to avoid an open trench or cross a temporary trench cover.

### **Permits and Approvals**

All work will be on EBMUD property. Encroachment permits are not required since there is no work within the public right-of-way. Any necessary permits will be obtained to complete the project.

### **Schedule and Work Hours**

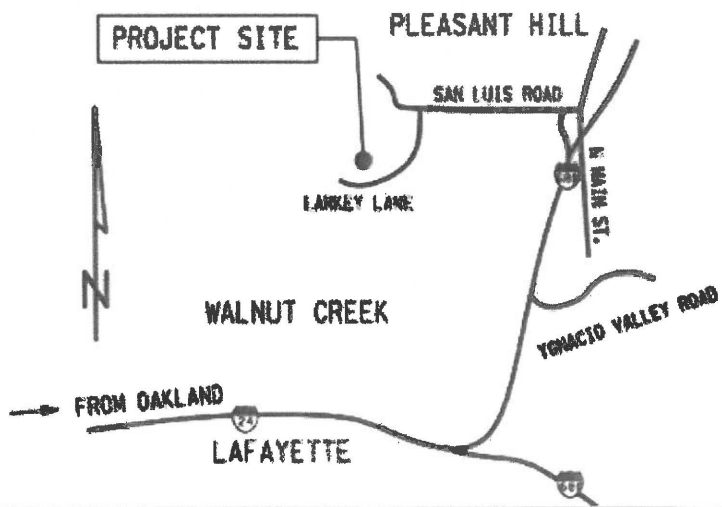
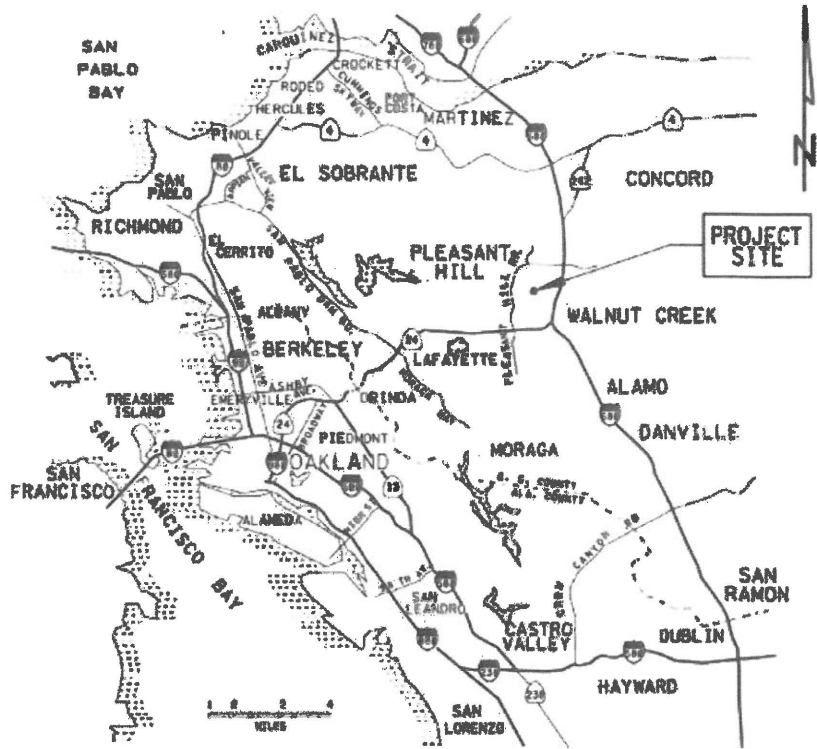
The construction is anticipated to start in fall 2024 and will take approximately 18 months to complete. Construction activities will be limited to the daytime weekday hours (7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) to the extent feasible

### **EBMUD Practices and Procedures**

Standard construction environmental and safety practices applicable to all EBMUD construction projects have been incorporated into the project. These standard practices minimize impacts to the public resulting from EBMUD construction projects.

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Figure 1: Water Quality Research Facility Project Location Map



**LOCATION MAP**  
NOT TO SCALE

*EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT*

**WATER QUALITY RESEARCH  
FACILITY PROJECT**

**FIGURE 1**