



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**  
**Contra Costa County**  
**Clerk-Recorder's Office**  
**555 Escobar Street**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**

**FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)**  
**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**Office of the Secretary - (510) 287-0404**  
**375 Eleventh Street, MS 806**  
**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

- TITLE:** Briones Trench Soils Removal
- LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)  
Orinda, Contra Costa County
- DESCRIPTION:** Excavate and remove approximately 200,000 cubic yards of soil from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) owned and operated Briones trench soils stockpile site in unincorporated Contra Costa County north of the City of Orinda. See Attachment A for more details.

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**March 22, 2024**

**KRISTIN B. CONNELLY**  
**CLERK-RECORDER**

By *[Signature]*  
Deputy clerk

### EXEMPTION FINDING (Check one)

This project is exempt from CEQA because:

- Activity is not a project
- Activity is Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(1); Guideline 15268)
- Activity is a Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3); Guideline 15269(a))
- Activity is an Emergency Project (Sec.21080(b)(4); Guideline 15269(b)(c))
- Activity is Categorically Exempt Under Guideline CCR Tit. 14 Sec. 15301 and CCR Tit. 14 Sec. 15304
- Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline \_\_\_\_\_
- Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it consists of the excavation and removal of approximately 200,000 cubic yards of trench soils from an EBMUD-owned and operated, existing trench soils storage site. The removal of this temporarily stockpiled soil is part of the ongoing operation and maintenance of the existing EBMUD facility and does not involve any expansion of or change in use for the site. The project is also exempt under Guideline 15304 because the project involves alterations of land without removing healthy, mature, scenic trees. While the project is within an environmental resource of critical concern as defined in Section 15300.2 (a), the project will occur on existing all-weather roads currently used by trucks similar to those used in the project, and it will not impact species habitat areas. The project is also within the boundary of the EBMUD Low Effect East Bay Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and will implement avoidance & minimization measures consistent with the HCP. The project does not involve any unusual circumstances due to its location or other features and will have no significant environmental effects relative to cumulative impacts of successive projects or impacts from hazardous waste or impacts to historical resources, and thus is not subject to the exceptions in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

### APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT:

<u>1/17/2024</u>	<u>P. Mehta</u>	<u>C. LeBlanc</u>
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (Initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. Initial)
<u>Crystal J. Yezman, Manager of Maintenance and Construction</u>		
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
<u>Casey J. LeBlanc</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>Senior Civil Engineer</u>
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE
		<u>510-287-0567</u>
		PHONE

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

2/2/2024  
DATE

David A. Briggs  
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

*[Signature: David A. Briggs]*

3/22/2024  
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK

Rischa S. Cole  
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

*[Signature: Rischa S. Cole]*

**Attachment A**  
**Briones Trench Soils Removal**  
**Contra Costa County**

**Project Description**

The Briones Trench Soils Removal Project (Project) involves the excavation and removal of trench soils material temporarily stored at the East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) Briones stockpile site located in unincorporated Contra Costa County north of the City of Orinda (Figure 1). The Briones stockpile site is used for the temporary storage of trench soils generated by EBMUD activities including pipeline construction and replacement. Approximately 200,000 cubic yards (CY) of trench soils will be removed from the Briones stockpile site. Project activities include screening, loading, and hauling of trench soils, and stormwater and dust control management at the site. Excavation equipment (e.g., excavator and dozer) will be used to load trench soils into trucks for hauling to a regional reuse site, or other appropriate reuse, recycling or disposal sites as determined by the contractor.

**Site Characteristics**

The Briones trench soils stockpile site is located near the intersection of Bear Creek Road and Oursan Trail in unincorporated Contra Costa County north of the City of Orinda. The stockpile site encompasses approximately 13 acres. The site is surrounded by EBMUD watershed lands, with the EBMUD Briones Reservoir to the east of the site and the EBMUD San Pablo Reservoir to the west (Figure 2).

**Purpose**

EBMUD generates trench soils from construction projects and pipeline and repair projects within the EBMUD service area. The Briones stockpile site is used to temporarily stockpile trench soils from these infrastructure projects. The Project is required to remove existing trench soils to maintain the stockpile's capacity for continued use of the site for EBMUD's ongoing pipeline replacement, repair, and installation activities.

**Permits**

A Construction General Permit will be prepared for this Project, including preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the site, and submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board. The SWPPP will include best management practices to be implemented to prevent erosion and sediment pollution to nearby water bodies.

**Public Considerations**

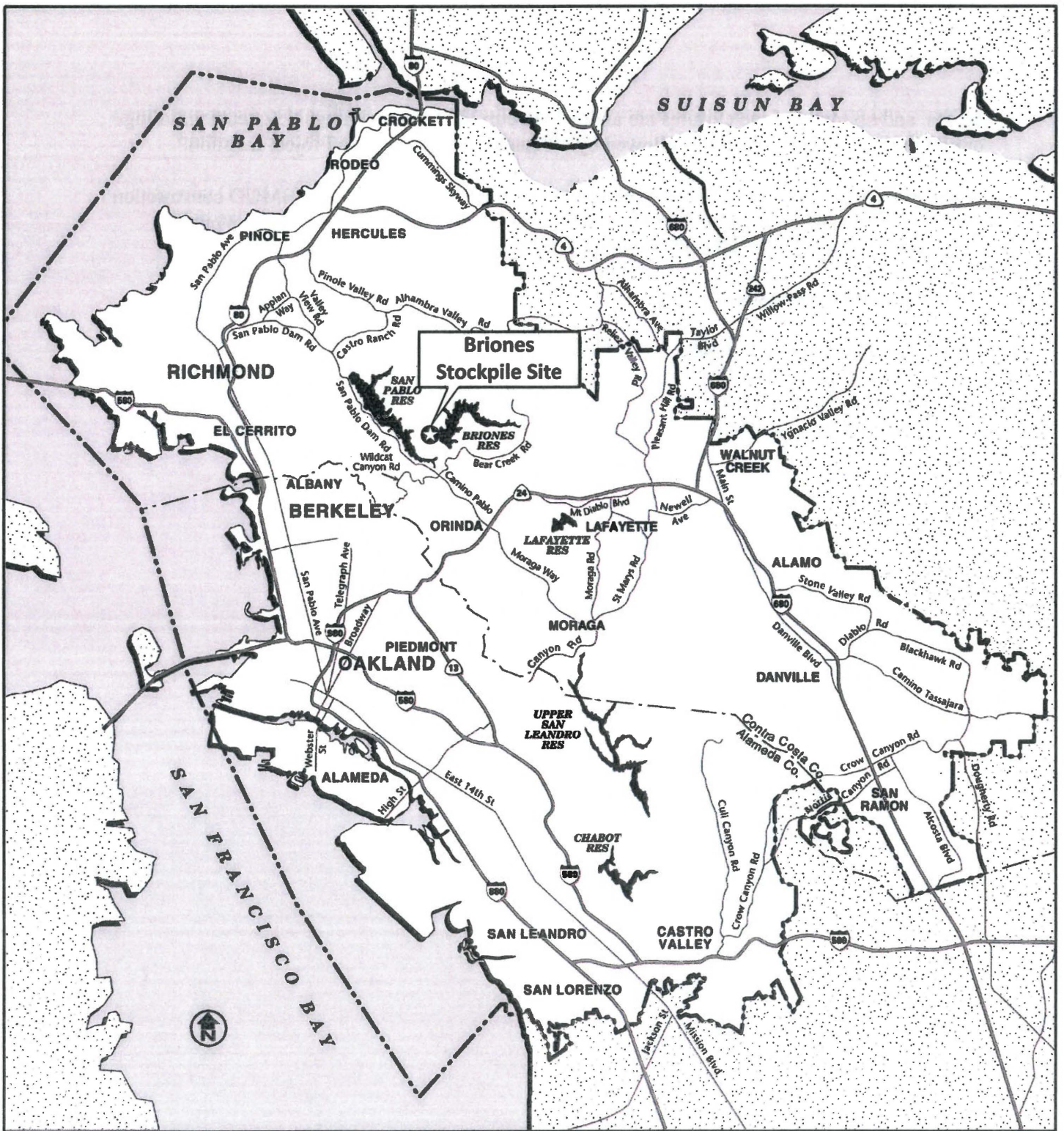
There will be a temporary increase in truck traffic along the haul route. The haul route includes the portion of Bear Creek Road from Oursan Trail to Camino Pablo, Camino Pablo, and California State Route 24. All truck loads will be covered. No obstruction to public roadway

access, and no road or lane closures are anticipated during Project hauling. No queueing, idling or parking on local streets will be allowed by off-haul trucks during the Project duration.

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

### **Schedule and Work Hours**

The Project is scheduled for approximately five months in the spring to fall of 2024. Typical work hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will be reduced to 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays when Orinda Union School District schools are in session. No trucks will be allowed on Camino Pablo prior to 9:00 a.m.



**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

NOT TO SCALE

**FIGURE 1**  
**Project Location Within**  
**EBMUD Service Area**



**Figure 2**  
**Briones Stockpile Site**



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:  
 07-03/22/2024-094  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/22/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2024-00094	

PROJECT TITLE  
 BRIONES TRENCH SOLIS REMOVAL

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

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 47132   
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Leidy Arosemena Deputy Clerk
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Amount Due:	\$0.00

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