



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>TO:</b> <b>Contra Costa County</b> <b>Clerk-Recorder's Office</b> <b>555 Escobar St</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 11th Street, MS 806</b> <b>Oakland, CA 94607-4240</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Lead Agency is the Project Applicant</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Lead Agency is Public Agency Approving Project</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Lead Agency is Carrying Out Project</b>
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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

- TITLE:** Contra Costa County Fire Fuel Abatement Projects
- LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)  
10 Contra Costa County Project sites depicted in Attachment A.
- DESCRIPTION:** This notice of exemption describes 11 discrete projects located at geographically distinct and separated sites, each of which houses water infrastructure owned and operated by East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). At each separate project site, dead, dying, and overabundant vegetation that have potential to contribute to fire will be removed. See Attachment A for more information.

2024-00118

**FILED**

April 8, 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 15301
- Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline \_\_\_\_\_
- Reasons why project is exempt: These projects are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301 because they involve no alteration of existing public utility structures with no expansion of the existing or former uses of those facilities.

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**APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: 738**

<u>2/20/2024</u>	<u>Dave Carlson</u>	<u>Tony Montano</u>
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (Initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. Initial)
<u>Tony Montano</u>	<u>Tony Montano</u>	
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
<u>Dave Carlson</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>Maintenance Superintendent</u>
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE
		<u>510-287-0921</u>
		PHONE

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

<u>3/20/24</u>	<u>David A. Briggs</u>
DATE	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
<u>4/3/2024</u>	<u>Rischa S. Cole</u>
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK	SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT PROJECTS**

**Overview and Background**

The projects will remove dead and dying vegetation at 11 distinct water distribution reservoirs on EBMUD-owned land in Contra Costa County (see Table 1).

**Project Purpose and Objectives**

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) water distribution facilities are in urban and suburban hills in the service area, many of which are surrounded by trees and brush that require consistent pruning, thinning and sometimes removal as they grow. Years of previous drought conditions have resulted in some of vegetation dying or drying out and becoming potent fire fuel. Additionally, local fire departments have increased the recommended height for keeping trees free of limbs from six feet to eight feet from the ground. Staff have been addressing the large backlog of fire fuel reduction projects but must prioritize the reduction of the annual growth of grasses at over 300 facilities.

**Project Locations**

The Projects are located at 11 sites in the EBMUD Contra Costa County service area. (see Table 1)

**Project Characteristics**

For each of the 11 projects described in this NOE, EBMUD will oversee the work of Civicorps staff engaged in the use of chain saws and other tools and equipment to reduce fire fuels, consisting of dead and dying trees and brush, at 11 distribution reservoirs. EBMUD considered approval of each of these 11 projects separately, and each individual project described in this NOE may be implemented independently of the other ten projects. In addition, none of the projects discussed herein are a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the other projects described in the NOE, and each has independent utility for EBMUD. For that reason, although all 11 projects are described in this NOE, each represents a unique project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**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 from the regulatory agencies will be obtained, to complete the Projects.

### **Schedule and Work Hours**

The work is anticipated to start in 2024 and will take place in the fall and winter of each of the next three years. Each year, the work will take approximately three months to complete. Fire fuel abatement activities will be limited to the daytime weekday hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 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.

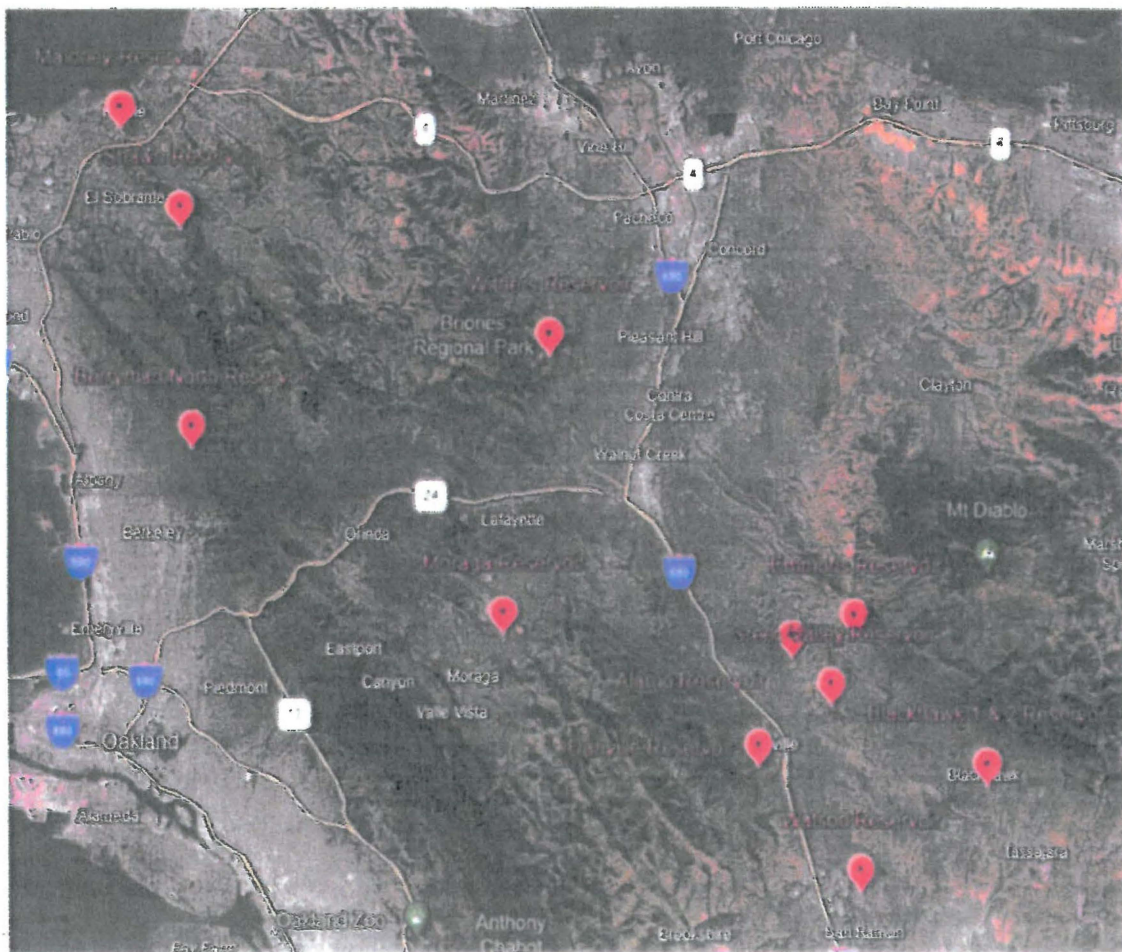
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Table 1: Contra Costa County Fire Fuel Abatement Projects Locations and Map

**Table 1  
Fire Fuel Abatement Projects**

<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Street Location</b>	<b>City</b>
<b>Alamo Reservoir</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Stonehill Dr. at Alamo Glen Dr.</b>	<b>Alamo</b>
<b>Emmons Reservoir</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Emmons Canyon Dr.</b>	<b>Alamo</b>
<b>Blackhawk 1 &amp; 2 Reservoir</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>End of Wild Oak Ln.</b>	<b>Blackhawk</b>
<b>Danville Reservoir</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>513 Highland Dr</b>	<b>Danville</b>
<b>Green Valley Reservoir</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1500 Diablo Rd.</b>	<b>Danville</b>
<b>Berryman North Reservoir</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7600 Potrero Ave.</b>	<b>El Cerrito</b>
<b>Withers Reservoir</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>End of Kim Rd.</b>	<b>Lafayette</b>
<b>Moraga Reservoir</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Opp 310 Claudia Ct.</b>	<b>Moraga</b>
<b>Maloney Reservoir</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>R/W off Greenfield Cir.</b>	<b>Pinole</b>
<b>Shawn Reservoir</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>250' SW/O end of Heavenly Ridge Ln.</b>	<b>Richmond</b>
<b>Watson Reservoir</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Hospital access road at 12700 Alcosta Blvd.</b>	<b>San Ramon</b>

**Map of sites for Contra Costa County**







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:  
 07-04/08/2024-118  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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

LEAD AGENCY EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/08/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2024-00118	

PROJECT TITLE  
 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT PROJECTS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (510) 287-0404
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 375 11TH 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 7695

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

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Francesca Anonuevo Deputy Clerk
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 APR 10 2024  
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Kristin B. Connelly  
Contra Costa  
Clerk-Recorder  
555 Escobar Street  
Martinez, CA 94553  
(925) 335-7900

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Check Tendered:	\$50.00
#7695	
Amount Due:	\$0.00

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