



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 <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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PROJECT INFORMATION

- TITLE:** WTP Effluent Meters & LCMs Improvement and Circle Reg Replacement
- LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)
Walnut Creek, Orinda, El Sobrante, Richmond, Rodeo, and Crockett; Contra Costa
- DESCRIPTION:** Construction of facilities to improve the accuracy and reliability of flow measurement at the Walnut Creek, Orinda, and Sobrante Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) and four Large Customer meters (LCMs). This project also includes replacement of the Circle Regulator.

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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 and 15302
- Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline _____
- Reasons why project is exempt:** Under Guideline 15301, minor alteration of existing facilities of publicly owned utilities to provide water service is allowed. Under Guideline 15302, replacement and reconstruction of existing publicly owned water facilities is allowed. The project will have no significant environmental effect relative to Location, Cumulative Impacts, Scenic Highways, Hazardous Waste, or Historic Resources, pursuant to Section 15300.2 of CEQA Guidelines

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APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: Org 790

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 SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

Attachment A

East Bay Municipal Utility District Water Treatment Plant Effluent Meters & Large Customer Meters Improvement and Circle Regulator Replacement

Project Description

The Water Treatment Plant Effluent Meters and Large Customer Meters Improvements and Circle Regulator Replacement Project (Project) includes the construction of facilities to improve the accuracy of data from large flow meters at the East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) Walnut Creek, Sobrante, and Orinda Water Treatment Plants (WTP), and several large customer sites (i.e., Chevron, Phillips 66, and C&H Sugar). The Project also includes the replacement of Circle Regulator. The Project's scope of work is summarized below:

- **Replace WTP Effluent Flow Meters**
 - **Walnut Creek WTP Phase 1:** Rehabilitate effluent meter vault, modify existing sample tap, and install test tap for flow verification.
 - **Walnut Creek WTP Phase 2:** Reroute electrical conduits and conflicting utilities with the location of the proposed vault structure; excavate and install pre-cast vault structure and concrete manhole; install transit-time flow meter in 96-inch pipeline, electrical cables and conduits, test tap, and appurtenances.
 - **Sobrante WTP:** Reroute electrical conduits conflicting with the location of the proposed structure; excavate and install 4-foot diameter, 7-foot deep, pre-cast concrete manhole; install pre-cast concrete meter access structure; install transit-time flow meter in 84-inch pipeline, electrical cables and conduits, test tap, and appurtenances.

Install new ammonia injector in existing location and in the proposed pipeline construction section of Valley View Rd; reroute the conflicting utilities; excavate and install new 84-inch pipeline segment, 84-inch butterfly valve, flanges, and all appurtenances.
 - **Orinda WTP:** Install taps for flow meter verification.
- **Replace Large Customer Meters (Chevron No. 3, No. 4, Phillips 66, C&H Sugar)**
 - Excavate and install pre-cast concrete vaults; construct 16-inch to 20-inch pipelines; install magnetic flow meters, electrical cables and conduits, and appurtenances.

- Coordinate new PG&E electrical service for Chevron No. 3 and No. 4.
- **Replace Circle Regulator**
 - Excavate and install concrete vault, pipelines, and install mechanical valves and appurtenances

Site Characteristics

The Project's locations are shown in Figure 1 and described below.

Meter Site	Address	Property Information	Site Type
Walnut Creek WTP	2201 Larkey Ln, Walnut Creek, CA 94597	District property	Existing water treatment plant
Sobrante WTP	5500 Amend Rd., El Sobrante, CA, 94803	District property and public right of way	Existing water treatment plant and public right of way
Orinda WTP	190 Camino Pablo, Orinda, CA, 94563	District property	Existing water treatment plant
Chevron No.3 and No. 4	Castro St and Old Castro St, Richmond, CA 94801	Public right of way	Oil refinery
Phillips 66	1290 San Pablo Ave Rodeo, 94572	Customer property	Oil refinery
C&H Sugar	Dowrelia Dr., Crockett, 94525	State Lands Commission property	Commercial food products facility
Circle Regulator	5720 Circle Dr. El Sobrante, 94803	District property	Residential

Purpose

California Water Code Section 10608.34 requires urban retail water suppliers to conduct annual water loss audits and comply with water loss performance standards beginning January 1, 2028. Accurate water loss audits depend on accurate data from a utility's largest meters. The Project is required to improve the accuracy of data from large flow meters measuring water entering and exiting EBMUD's distribution system. This project also includes the replacement of Circle Regulator to improve operational reliability and address flooding, corrosion, and ventilation issues.

Permits

The following permits may be required for the project: hot work permit, confined space entry, sanitary sewer discharge permit, hazardous waste disposal, General Drinking Water Discharges Permit, NPDES permit for storm water discharges associated with construction and land disturbance activities (Construction General Permit), municipal regional permit (), industrial stormwater general permits, temporary construction easements, traffic control, and road encroachment permits.

Schedule and Work Hours

Construction is estimated to require approximately two to three years from 2025 to 2028. Typical work hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Considerations

Construction of the metering improvements at the Sobrante WTP, Chevron No. 3 and No. 4, C&H Sugar, and the Circle Regulator replacement will occur in residential and commercial areas and the contractor is required to provide traffic control for all locations. The proposed construction may generate temporary noise and dust with the use of equipment during excavation, pipeline construction, and material transportation. 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.

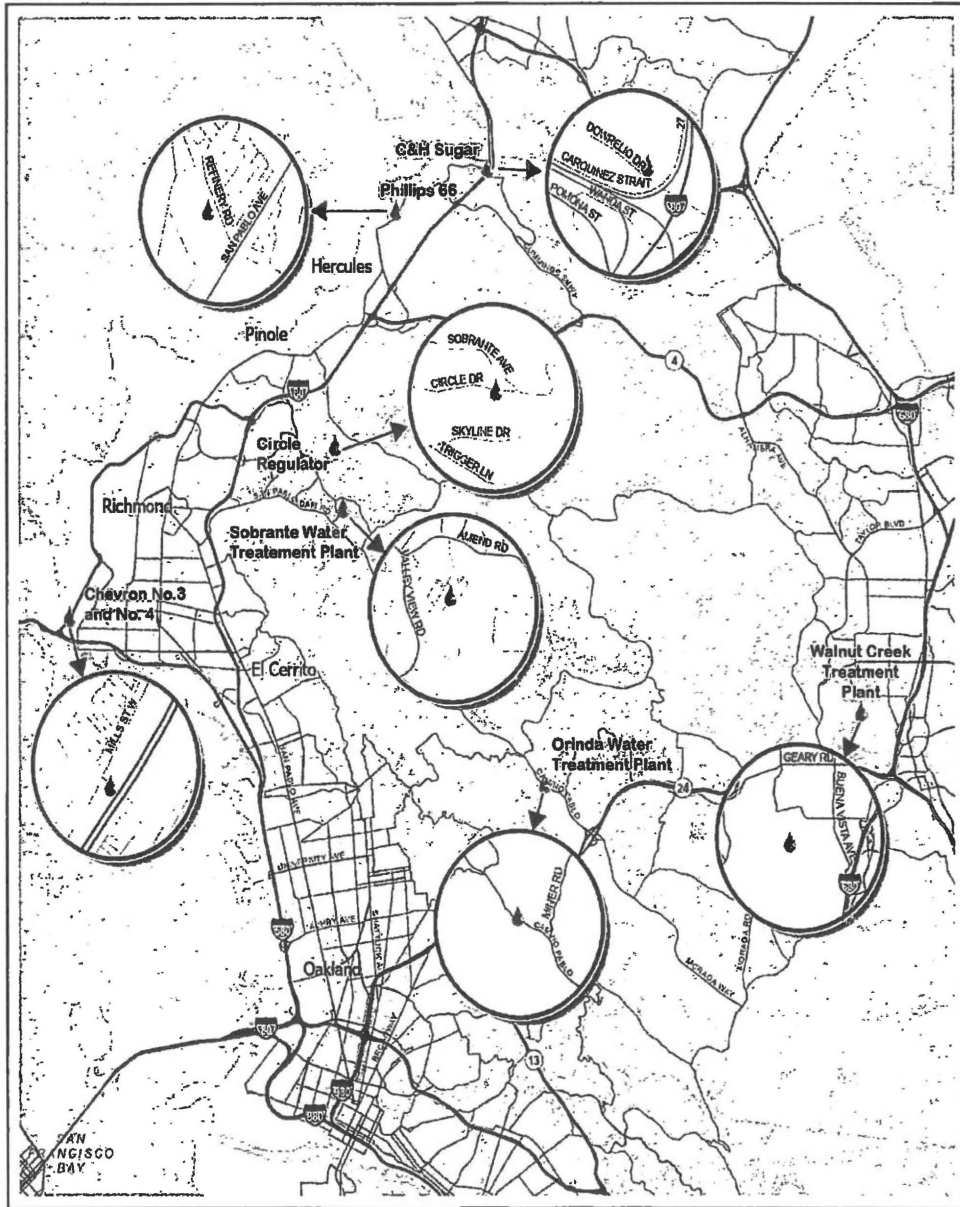


FIGURE 1
Meter Sites

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**PROJECT SITE
LOCATION MAP**

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