



## 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:** Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant (WCWTP) Filters Improvement Project
- LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)  
This project is located at Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant in Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County.
- DESCRIPTION:** The north filters of WCWTP were installed in 1967, and will be replaced to match the south filters as part of this project. The project includes replacement of filters' valves, pipes and control panels, and repair filter leakage allowing the operations of the filters to be uniform and increase water treatment performance. See Attachment A for more details.

2024-00113

**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: Under CCR14, Division 6, Ch 3, Article 19, this project is exempt because it entails repair and minor alteration of an existing publicly owned utility (Sect. 15301(b)), rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures to meet current standards of public health and safety (Sect. 15301(d)), and replacement of existing utility systems involving no expansion of capacity (Sect. 15302(c))

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### APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: Design - 551

03/14/2024	Lilian Leung <i>LL</i>	Denise Cicala <i>DVC</i>
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (Initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. Initial)
Serge Terentieff <i>S. Terentieff</i>		
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
Lilian Leung	502	Associate Civil Engineer
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE
		PHONE

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

03/21/2024

DATE

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

*[Signature]*  
Olujimi O. Yoloye

4/3/2024

SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

*[Signature]*  
Rischa S. Cole

**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
WALNUT CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
FILTERS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Overview and Background**

The Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant (WCWTP) north filters were installed in 1967 and the south filters were added to the WCWTP between 2001 to 2010. The north filters are older style wheeler bottom filter underdrains, which have created challenges with operating different filter styles at the same WTP. The WCWTP Filters Improvement Project (Project) will replace the north filters to match the south filters.

The Project also includes improvements to portions of the south filters, such as repairing filter 5R leakage, replacement of deteriorated troughs, and replacement of hydraulic filter actuators to create a uniform filter system.

**Project Purpose and Objectives**

The Project addresses several objectives of EBMUD's water treatment plants improvement program including the following:

- Improve water quality by replacing the north filters with the new south filters' style, which is a false bottom underdrain with air scour, allowing the operations of the WCWTP to be uniform and increasing water treatment performance.
- Renew critical infrastructure by replacing filters' parts and repairing filter leakage.

**Project Location**

The Project is located on EBMUD property at the filters and blower buildings of the WCWTP at 2201 Larkey Lane in the City of Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County. See Figure 1, Project Site Location Map. The WCWTP property is located adjacent to residential developments to the east and north and open space to the west and south.

**Project Characteristics**

The scope of work includes demolishing the Wheeler Bottom underline existing north filters and replacing with nozzle type underdrains built on a false bottom floor, replacement of several valves from hydraulic to electric, replacement of the filters troughs, and upgrading associated electrical panels and control systems.

**Permits/Approval**

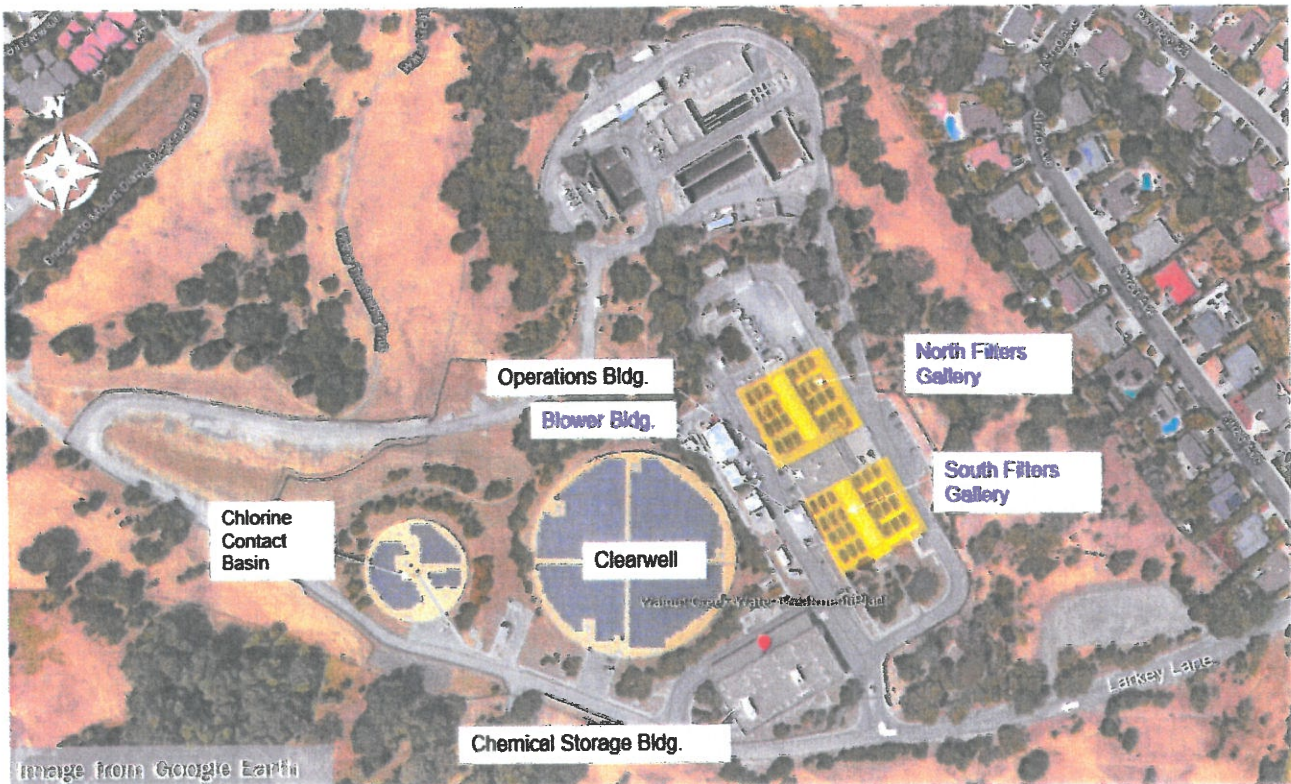
No encroachment permits are required for the Project because all work will be performed on EBMUD property. Any necessary permits from the regulatory agencies will be obtained to complete the Project.

### **Schedule and Work Hours**

Construction is expected to start in spring 2026 and will take approximately 3 years to complete. Regular construction work hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### **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.



Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant (WCWTP) Filters Improvement Project – Notice of Exemption

Figure 1, Site Vicinity Map at Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant





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:

07-04/08/2024-113

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 2024-00113	
PROJECT TITLE  WALNUT CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WCWTP) FILTERS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT		

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) <input type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency <input type="checkbox"/> School District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Special District <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Private Entity		

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|---|-------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$ 4,051.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$ 2,916.75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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|---|-----------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$ 850.00 | \$ _____       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   | \$ 50.00  | \$ _____ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |           | \$ _____       |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- ☐ Cash    ☐ Credit    ☒ Check    ☐ Other 7689

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

SIGNATURE  X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE  Francesca Anonuevo Deputy Clerk
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Receipt No.: RPT20240000031436

Finalization No.: 202400030935

Cashier: fanonuevo

Register: FAPC

Date/Time: 04/08/2024 08:29 AM

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Total Paid	
Check Tendered:	\$50.00
#7689	
Amount Due:	\$0.00

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