



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
Calaveras County Clerk - Recorder
891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249

FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
 Office of the Secretary - (510) 287-0404 - SecOffice@ebmud.com
 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

1. **TITLE:** Petition for Extension of Time for Hydropower Permit 10479 (Pardee) and Permit 17378 (Camanche)
2. **LOCATION:** *(City, County, and specific location)*
Alameda, Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin Counties; Pardee Powerhouse & Camanche Powerhouse on the Mokelumne River.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** EBMUD, headquartered in Alameda County, is requesting a second time extension for EBMUD's Pardee Hydropower Water Right Permit 10479 and EBMUD's Camanche Hydropower Water Right Permit 17378 to include water put to beneficial use following the last time extension. Project facilities are located in Amador, Calaveras, and San Joaquin Counties. The Project is described in detail in Attachment A and a project location map is provided in Attachment B.

EXEMPTION FINDING (Check one)

This project is exempt from CEQA because:

1. Activity is not a project
2. Activity is Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(1); Guideline 15268)
3. Activity is a Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3); Guideline 15269(a))
4. Activity is an Emergency Project (Sec.21080(b)(4); Guideline 15269(b)(c))
5. Activity is Categorically Exempt Under Guideline §15301; §15061(b)(3)
6. Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline _____
7. **Reasons why project is exempt:**

This project is a petition for a retroactive time extension for EBMUD's water right Permit 10479 and Permit 17378 through water year 2017, to recognize EBMUD's authorized use of existing hydropower facilities at Pardee and Camanche Dams and allow the use to continue. The petitions do not expand EBMUD's existing water rights to divert water from the Mokelumne River and will not result in changes to EBMUD's existing operations. EBMUD will continue releases of water from Pardee Reservoir to Camanche Reservoir to meet the SWB's Decision 1641 and FERC fishery flow requirements. EBMUD will also continue to make releases from Camanche Dam to meet obligations to downstream senior water rights. This is simply continuing past and current uses, and there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. This project would not result in any impacts to other legal users of water, river flows, fish or wildlife, recreational, historical or cultural resources, or environmental values.

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APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: Water Rights & Proceedings - 443

3/23/2026	Jason Zhou <i>JZ</i>	Ana R. Ulloa <i>A.U</i>
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (Initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. initial)
Bradley M. Ledesma <i>[Signature]</i>		
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Jason Zhou	901	Associate Civil Engineer
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

<u>3/26/26</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
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 Rebecca Turner
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 03/30/2026

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SWB Petition for Extension of time
EBMUD Pardee Hydropower Water Right Permit 10479 (Application 15201)
EBMUD Camanche Hydropower Water Right Permit 17378 (Application 25056)
Attachment A

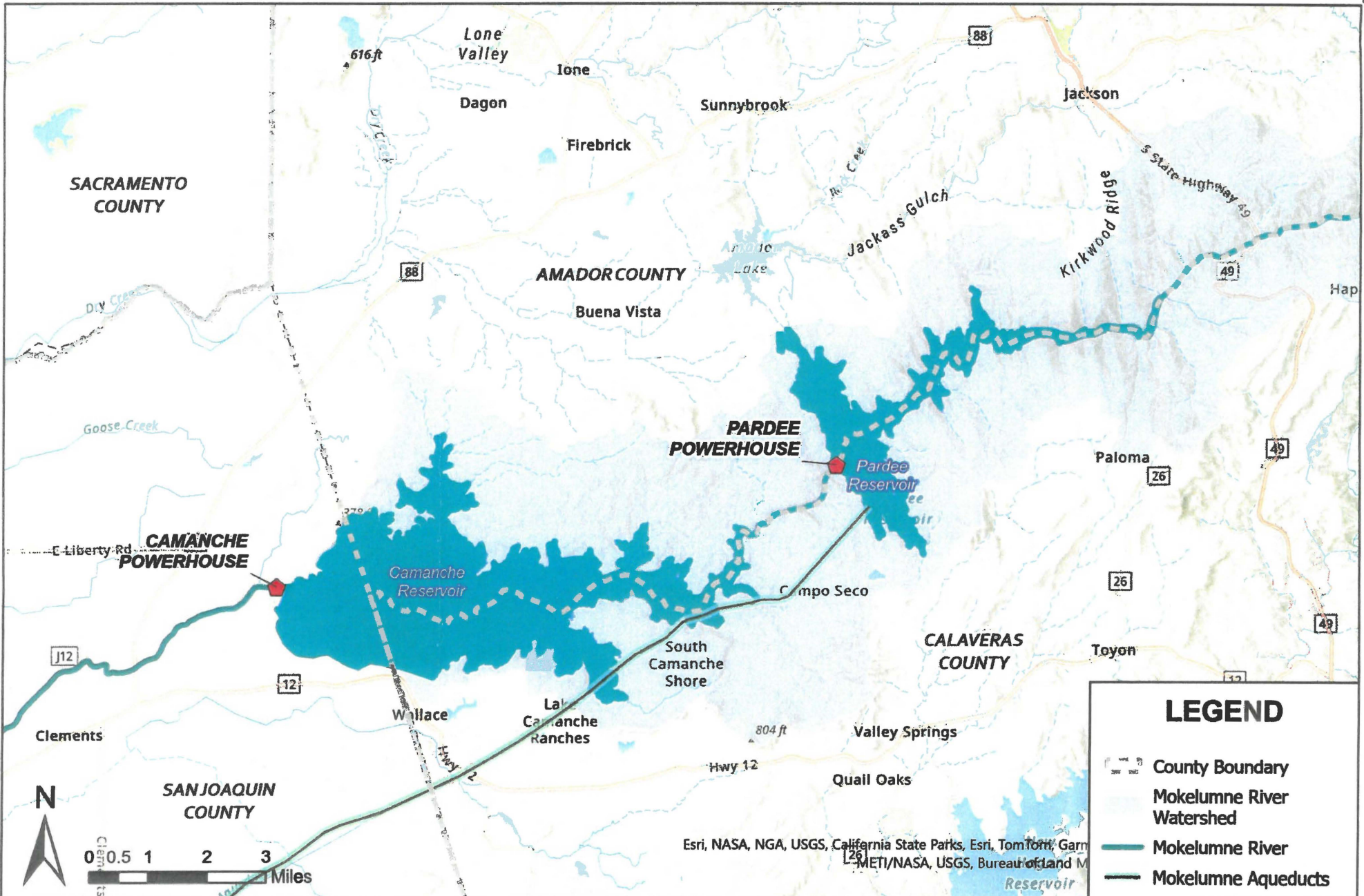
EBMUD is requesting a second time extension for both Pardee Hydropower Water Right Permit 10479 and Camanche Hydropower Water Right Permit 17378 from 1990 through water year 2017 to complete the application of water to beneficial use. The petitions for time extension are retroactive, extending the period for application of water to beneficial use from December 1, 1990 through September 30, 2017, to ensure the inclusion of the years of maximum beneficial use under the terms of hydropower Permits 10479 and 17378 for water rights licensing. The State Water Board (SWB) approved EBMUD's Pardee Hydropower Water Right Permit 10479 (Application 15201) in 1956 and approved EBMUD's Camanche Hydropower Water Right Permit 17378 (Application 25056) in 1978 and previously extended the schedule for applying water to beneficial use to December 1, 1990. EBMUD completed construction of the expanded Pardee hydropower facilities and the Camanche hydropower facilities in 1983 and began applying the water to use for hydropower generation shortly thereafter. EBMUD submitted the petitions for extension of time to the SWB electronically via CalWATRS on March 20, 2026.

The petitions are seeking retroactive time extensions, and they do not expand EBMUD's existing water rights, but instead allow for consideration of the use that has occurred to date consistent with the terms of the permits. In 1995, with the agreement of the State Water Board, EBMUD postponed a scheduled licensing inspection for its facilities to allow the completion of negotiations regarding fishery flows with downstream entities and resource agencies. Subsequently, EBMUD, the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (previously the California Department of Fish & Game) entered into the Joint Settlement Agreement (JSA), which includes flow, non-flow, and other measures to protect and enhance the anadromous fishery resources and ecosystem in the lower Mokelumne River. In 2000, the State Water Board incorporated the flow provisions of the JSA into EBMUD's Mokelumne River municipal water right Permit 10478 and municipal water right License 11109 through State Water Board Decision 1641. In April 2000, the State Water Board recommended that EBMUD delay the licensing request for hydropower Permit 10479 and hydropower Permit 17378 until it requested licensing for the municipal water right Permit 10478, to address both consumptive use and hydropower generation aspects of the Project simultaneously.

On July 29, 2008, EBMUD requested a licensing inspection with the State Water Board regarding hydropower Permits 10479 and 17378, noting that EBMUD had requested a time extension for its Camanche municipal Permit 10478 in November 2000.

In December 2012, EBMUD filed separate change petitions to confirm Camanche Dam as a point of redirection and Camanche Powerhouse as a place of use under the hydropower rights for Pardee Dam and Reservoir (License 1388, License 6062, and Permit 10479). The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the municipal water right Permit 10478 Time Extension Project, which was released in September 2013, included information regarding the petitions for change in place of use and additional point of redirection. The information in the DEIR noted that the petitions would not create any potentially significant impacts and were exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) and §15301, as well as §15261.

In 2016, the State Water Board approved the petition for time extension for the municipal water right Permit 10478 and issued Amended Permit 10478. In 2017, EBMUD and the State Water Board agreed to postpone the licensing process for hydropower Permits 10479 and 17378 due to higher priority projects arising at the time. In 2023, EBMUD and the State Water Board agreed to reinstate work on hydropower Permits 10479 and 17378. The retroactive time extension petitions are intended to ensure that licensing decisions properly reflect the quantities of water diverted and beneficially used under hydropower Permits 10479 and 17378. There are no potentially significant impacts that would result from the requested retroactive time extensions for the Pardee Hydropower Water Right Permit 10479 and Camanche Hydropower Water Right Permit 17378.



EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

**ATTACHMENT B
PROJECT SITE LOCATION MAP
11/25/2025**

**CA State Water Resources Control Board Petition for Extension of Time
EBMUD Pardee Hydropower Water Right Permit 10479
EBMUD Camanche Hydropower Water Right Permit 17378**



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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PROJECT TITLE
 PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR HYDROPOWER PERMIT 10479 (PARDEE) AND PERMIT 17378 (CAMANCHE)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL secoffice@ebmud.com	PHONE NUMBER (510) 287-0263
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		ZIP CODE *4607

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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


CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ _____
- 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
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other
- TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Beth Cole, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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