



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 - SecOffice@ebmud.com 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:** Indian Slough Channel Capacity Restoration Project
- LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)
Bixler, Contra Costa County, coordinates: 37.93982, -121.61691 to 37.93951, -121.61287
- DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of the project is to restore the capacity of the engineered channel, so irrigation runoff or stormwater runoff does not spill over the top of the channel onto the Mokelumne Aqueduct right-of-way, thereby limiting access to critical raw water infrastructure. The project will remove vegetation along the length of the channel, in addition to a beaver dam that is contributing to the vegetation overgrowth by restricting the water flow within the channel. See Attachment A for additional information.

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 Section _____
- Reasons why project is exempt:** Project is exempt under 15301 as the scope of work includes maintenance of an existing structure. Project will have no significant environmental impacts relative to Locations, Cumulative Impact, Scenic Highways, Significant Effect due to unusual circumstances, Hazardous Waste or Historical Resources as pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT:

<u>4/27/26</u>	<u>Deirdre Mena</u>	<u>Douglas Hooper</u>	
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (Initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. Initial)	
<u>Roberto Cortez</u>			
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)			
<u>Douglas Hooper</u>	<u>STN</u>	<u>Superintendent of Aqueduct</u>	<u>209-946-8009</u>
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE	PHONE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

<u>5/20/2026</u>	
DATE	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
<u>5/20/2026</u>	
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK	SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

Attachment A
Indian Slough Channel Capacity Restoration Project

Overview and Background

Indian Slough Channel (Channel) is an engineered channel that collects irrigation runoff and stormwater runoff from local farmland. The Indian Slough Capacity Restoration Project (Project) will restore the capacity of the channel by removing vegetation, in addition to removing an identified beaver dam.

The confined Channel is choked with vegetation, creating low water flow conditions that are compounded by a beaver dam that controls the upstream water surface elevation. The Channel's manmade cut slopes were likely designed to handle transient increased water elevation and high flows but were not likely designed to sustain the current loading and saturation. The volume of impounded water has increased the overall wetted perimeter and saturated zone of the Channel reach. Additionally, as storm runoff occurs, the Channel's reduced remaining freeboard would result in a greater likelihood of overtopping at or above the beaver dam. Over time, the upstream pool will also capture additional sediment, which would further decrease the channels overall capacity. The presence of the beaver dam is also increasing bank erosion at all flow levels as the flow is constricted and the water is accelerated around the perimeter of the dam.

The project will remove vegetation growth along the length of the south side of the Channel. The beaver dam will be removed as part of the vegetation removal.

The work will be performed using an excavator staged and operated from the gravel access road on the Aqueduct right-of-way.

The Project is located on East Bay Municipal District's (EBMUD) Mokelumne Aqueduct right-of-way, near Bixler in Contra Costa County, see Figure 1a through Figure 1b.

Project Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the Project is to protect the Aqueduct right-of-way critical raw water infrastructure by preventing flooding of the right-of-way and collapse of the edge of the gravel access road through erosion of the bank of the Channel. The Project will restore the capacity of the Channel and reduce further erosion of the Channel bank.

Project Location

The Project is located on EBMUD's Mokelumne Aqueduct right-of-way near Bixler in Contra Costa County.

Attachment A
Indian Slough Channel Capacity Restoration Project

Project Characteristics

The project will remove vegetation growth along the length of the south side of the Channel, approximately 1,300 linear feet. The extent of the vegetation removal from the bank to the Channel bed will be up to 30 feet, excavator's arm extent, for a total of 39,000 square feet. Identified trees within the project area will also be removed as they are contributing to the restricted water flow. The beaver dam will be removed as part of the vegetation removal.

The work will be performed using an excavator staged and operated from the gravel access road on the Aqueduct right-of-way.

Permits

All work will be conducted on EBMUD property, so no encroachment permits are necessary. Jurisdictional permits will be obtained from the Army Corp of Engineers, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Schedule

Work is scheduled in two phases. Phase One will be conducted after the 2026 nesting bird season, mid-September through October 31st. pending issuance of the required jurisdictional permits. Phase Two will be conducted in 2027 after the nesting bird season, mid-September through October 31st.

The Project is expected to be completed within six to eight weeks over the two-year period. Work hours will be limited to weekdays with standard business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

EBMUD Practices and Procedures

Standard construction environmental and safety practices applicable to all EBMUD construction projects have been incorporated into the Project and will be implemented accordingly.

A qualified biologist will clear the site prior to start-up of construction. All work will be monitored by the biologist, and in accordance with the jurisdictional permit requirements.

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Attachments: Vicinity Map - Figure 1a, and Project Location Map - Figure 1b

Indian Slough Channel Capacity Restoration Project

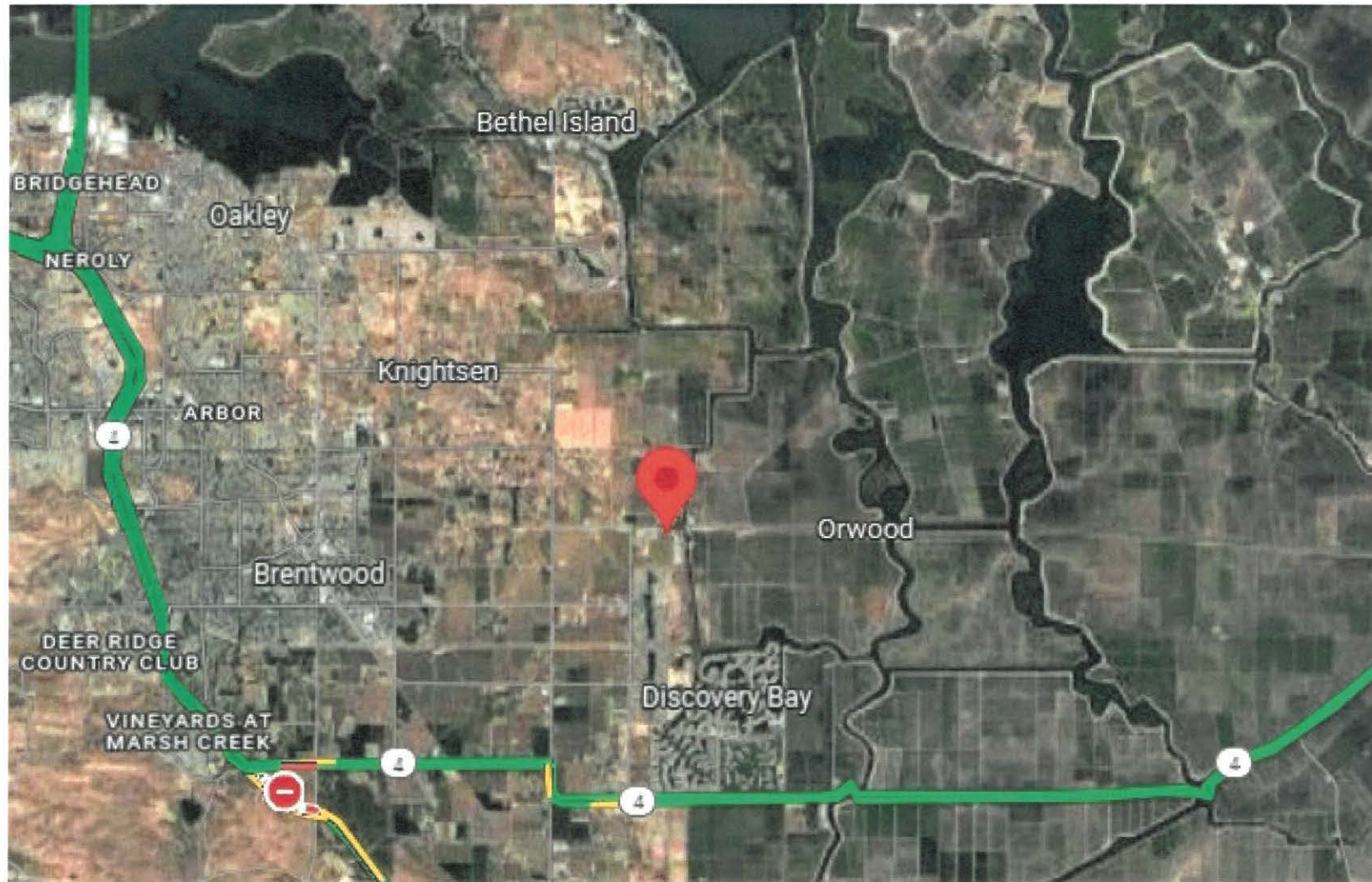


Figure 1a - Vicinity Map



Figure 1b - Project Area Map
red flag - location of beaver dam; red line - area where vegetation will be removed



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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-00189	

PROJECT TITLE

 INDIAN SLOUGH CHANNEL CAPACITY RESTORATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL SECOFFICE@EBMUD.COM	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) \$ 4,227.50 \$ _____
 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 \$ _____ 50.00
 Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other 4425
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ 50.00

SIGNATURE X Leidy Gonzalez	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Leidy Gonzalez Deputy Clerk
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