



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

- ☒ Lead Agency is the Project Applicant
☒ Lead Agency is Public Agency Approving Project
☒ Lead Agency is Carrying Out Project

PROJECT INFORMATION

1. **TITLE:** Orinda Watershed Culvert Replacement Project
2. **LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)
Rocky Ridge 37.80765, -122.06918, Kaiser Creek 37.80182, -122.06939, Nunes 37.95368, -122.22860
3. **DESCRIPTION:** The project will replace three failed culverts located on fire service roads within Orinda Watershed lands. The project will provide a functional culvert to protect the integrity of the three fire service roads and prevent local flooding. See Attachment A for additional information.

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EXEMPTION FINDING (Check one)

This project is exempt from CEQA because:

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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 15302 and 15304
6. ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Section _____
7. ☒ **Reasons why project is exempt:** Project is exempt under Section 15302 and Section 15304 as the scope of work includes replacement of an existing structure and minor alteration to land. 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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June 23, 2026

KRISTIN B. CONNELLY
CLERK-RECORDER

By V. Maldonado
V. Maldonado
Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT:

6/8/26	Delndre Mena	Matthew Sporleder
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (Initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. Initial)
Scott Hill	<u>Scott Hill</u>	
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
Matthew Sporleder	57	Ranger Supervisor
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE
		510-287-2035
		PHONE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

June 9, 2026	<u>Chic E. Toney</u>
DATE	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
<u>6/12/2026</u>	<u>Rachel S. Cole</u>
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK	SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

Orinda Watershed Culvert Replacement Project Attachment A

Overview and Background

The Orinda Watershed Culvert Replacement Project is located within the East Bay Municipal District (EBMUD) Watershed Lands in Contra Costa County. The project includes replacement of three failed culverts that have been identified on critical fire roads.

Project Purpose and Objectives

The project includes three sites: Rocky Ridge Fire Road, Kaiser Creek Fire Road, and Nunes Fire Road. The purpose of the project is to provide a functional culvert at each site to protect the integrity of the fire roads, in addition to providing emergency ingress and protecting water quality and natural resources. The objective of the project is to replace the three failed culverts, retaining the original dimensions and grade.

Project Location

The project is located on EBMUD's watershed lands in Contra Costa County, see Figure 1a and Figure 1b.

Project Characteristics

The project scope of work includes the following:

- Rocky Ridge Fire Road
Replace existing 54-inch, 33 feet long, failed corrugated metal culvert with Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) double-walled, watertight slip joint plastic pipeline, retaining established dimensions and grade.
- Kaiser Creek Fire Road
Replace existing 24-inch, 20 feet long, failed single-walled plastic culvert with ADS double-walled, watertight slip joint plastic pipeline, retaining established dimensions and grade.
- Nunes Fire Road
Replace existing 36-inch, 30 feet long, failed corrugated metal culvert with ADS double-walled, watertight slip joint plastic pipeline, retaining established dimensions and grade.

Required heavy equipment for each project site will be staged on the respective fire service road, by the construction zone.

Orinda Watershed Culvert Replacement Project
Attachment A

Permits

All work will be conducted on EBMUD property, so no encroachment permits are necessary. A Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement will be obtained from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for each of the three culvert replacements.

Schedule

Work is scheduled to start after the nesting bird season and will be completed by October 30th. 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.

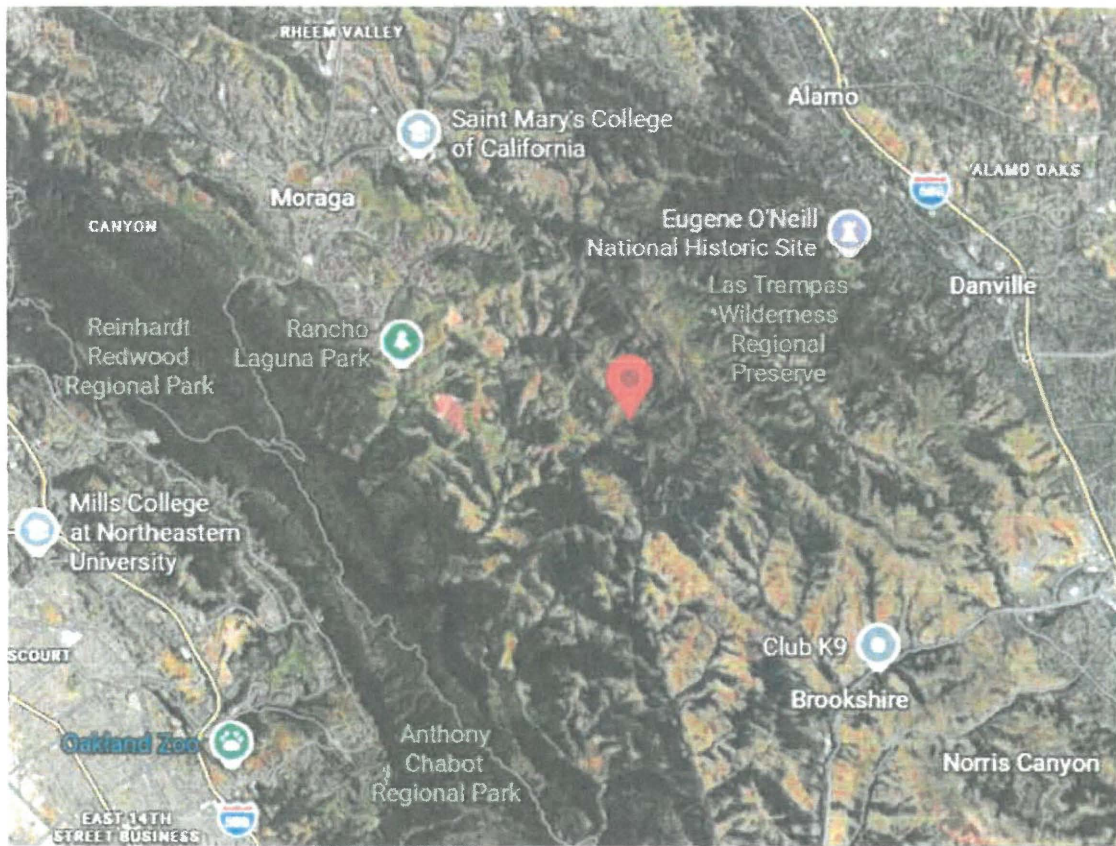
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Attachments: Vicinity Map - Figure 1a, and Project Location Map - Figure 1b

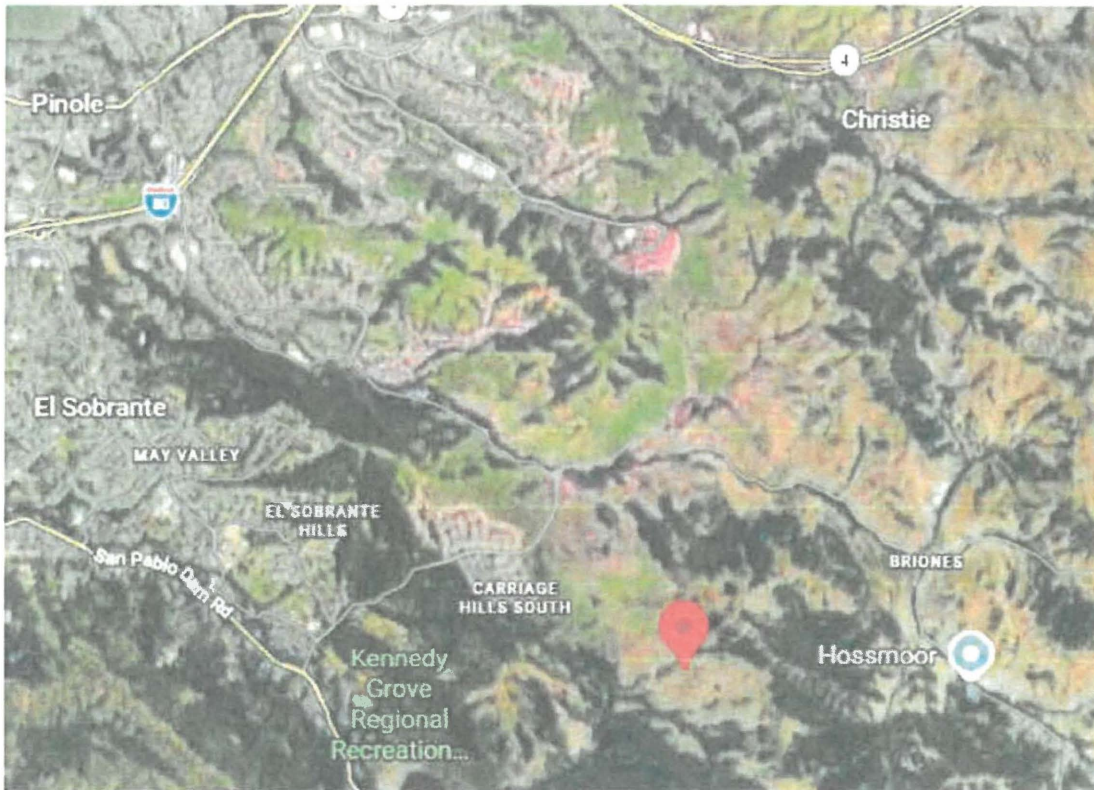
Orinda Watershed Culvert Replacement Project



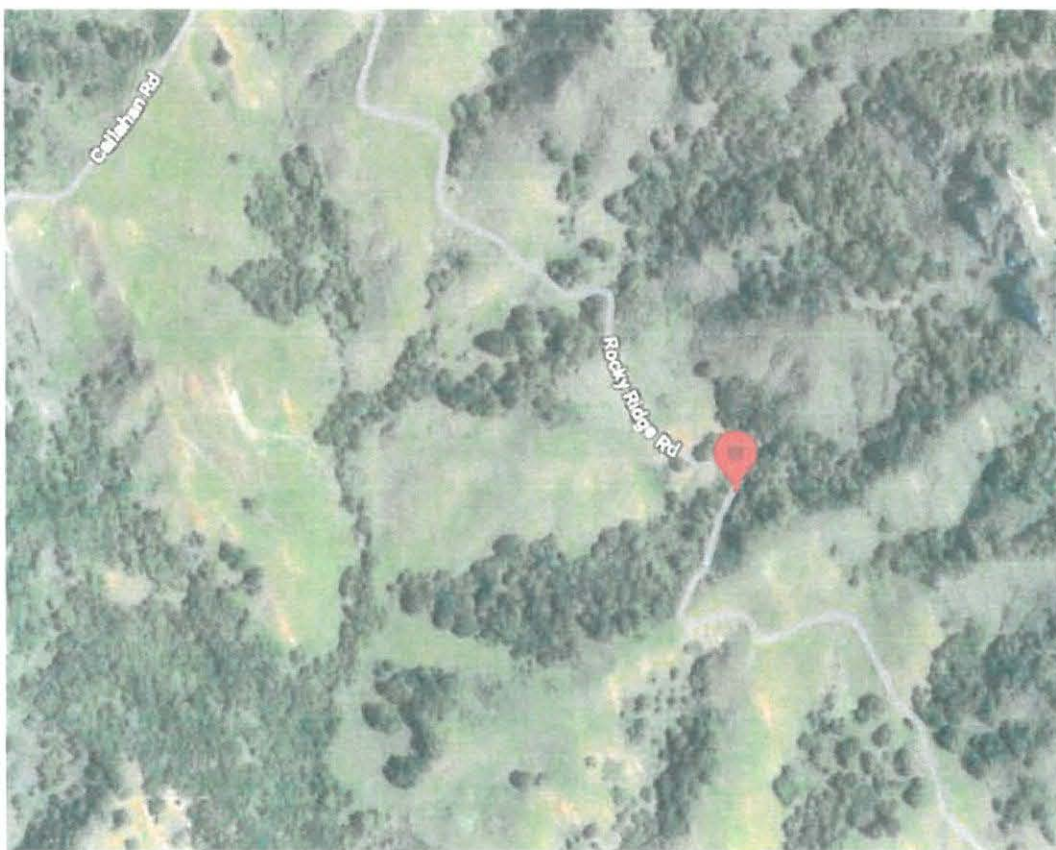
Rocky Ridge Fire Service Road Culvert Replacement Vicinity Map, Figure 1a



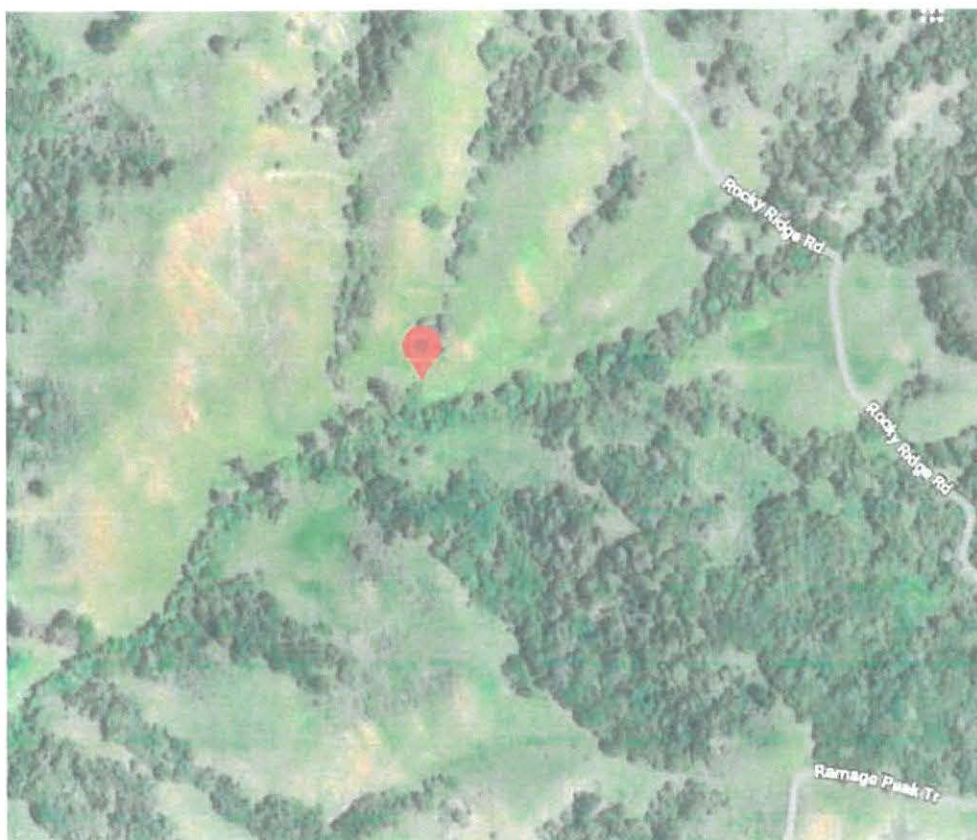
Kaiser Creek Fire Service Road Culvert Replacement Vicinity Map, Figure 1a



Nunes Fire Service Road Culvert Replacement Vicinity Map, Figure 1a

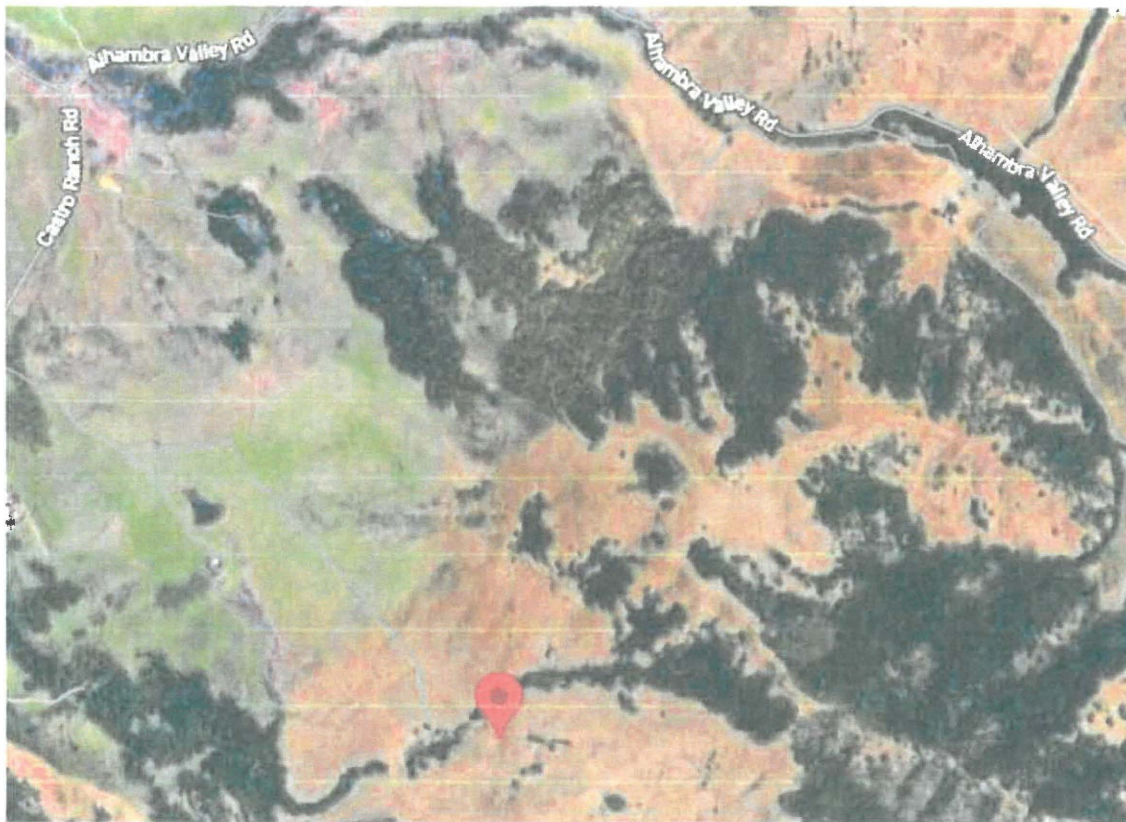


Rocky Ridge Fire Service Road Culvert Replacement Project Location Aerial Map, Figure 1b



Kaiser Creek Fire Service Road Culvert Replacement Project Location Aerial Map, Figure 1b

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Nunes Fire Service Road Culvert Replacement Project Location Aerial Map, Figure 1b



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
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RECEIPT NUMBER:

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL secoffice@ebmud.com	DATE 06/23/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-00214	
PROJECT TITLE ORINDA WATERSHED CULVERT REPLACEMENT 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 5581 **TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ 50.00**

SIGNATURE X <i>Vanessa</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Vanessa Maldonado Deputy Clerk
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Filing Fee:	\$50.00
Total Amount Due:	\$50.00
Total Paid	
Check Tendered:	\$50.00
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Amount Due:	\$0.00

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NON-REFUNDABLE.



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