



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:** Old River Drainage/Seepage Channel Culvert Replacement Project
2. **LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)
Bxler, Contra Costa County, coordinates: 37.938151, -121.563929
3. **DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of the project is to provide the channel with a functional culvert to prevent local flooding and protect the integrity of the Mokelumne Aqueduct access road. The objective of the project is to replace the failed culvert and restore the original alignment of the access road. See Attachment A for additional information.

2026-00215

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
6. ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Section _____
7. ☒ **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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June 23, 2026

KRISTIN B. CONNELLY
CLERK-RECORDER

By V. Maldonado

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Deputy Clerk

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APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT:

5/21/26

Deirdre Mena

Douglas Hooper

1. DATE PREPARED

2. PREPARED BY (initial)

3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. initial)

Roberto Cortez

4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)

Douglas Hooper

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Superintendent of Aqueduct

209-946-8009

5. CONTACT PERSON

MAIL SLOT #

TITLE

PHONE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

6/3/2026

DATE

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

6/12/2026
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK

SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

Old River Drainage/Seepage Channel Culvert Replacement Project Attachment A

Overview and Background

The Project is located on the East Bay Municipal District (EBMUD) Mokelumne Aqueduct right-of-way (ROW), near Bixler in Contra Costa County. There are two drainage/seepage channels adjacent to the ROW's gravel access road, that parallel the Old River alignment. The channels store seepage water from the Delta levees, in addition to local stormwater run-off. The existing culvert on the west-side channel has failed and the edges of the overlying access road have deteriorated.

Project Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the project is to provide the channel with a functional culvert to prevent local flooding and protect the integrity of the access road. The objective of the project is to replace the failed culvert and restore the access road's original alignment.

Project Location

The project is located on East Bay Municipal District Mokelumne Aqueduct right-of-way, near Bixler in Contra Costa County, see Figure 1a and Figure 1b.

Project Characteristics

The project will replace the existing 24-inch diameter corrugated metal culvert with a high-density polyethylene plastic pipeline. The 24-inch diameter will be retained, but the length will be 30 feet, 10 feet longer than original installation. The additional length will ensure that the new installation crosses under the entire access road to prevent further erosion of the edges. The original road alignment will also be restored with a 3/4-inch aggregate base. Required heavy equipment will be staged on the access road.

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.

Schedule

Work is scheduled for after the nesting bird season, which ends on September 15th. The project is expected to be completed within five days. Work hours will be limited to weekdays with standard business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Old River Drainage/Seepage Channel Culvert Replacement Project
Attachment A

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

Old River Drainage/Seepage Channel Culvert Replacement Project

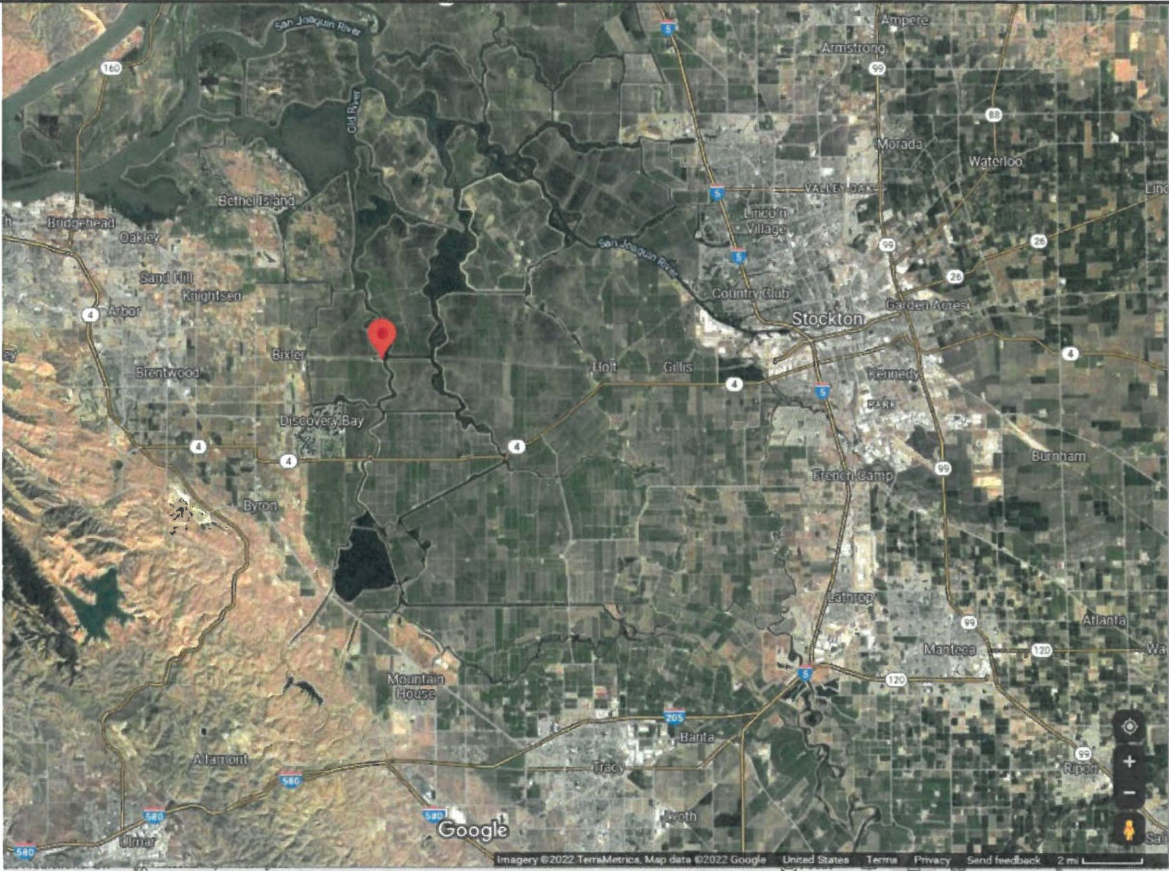


Figure 1a, Vicinity Map

Old River Drainage/Seepage Channel Culvert Replacement Project



Figure 1b, Project Location Aerial Map



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
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LEAD AGENCY EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 06/23/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-00215	
PROJECT TITLE OLD RIVER DRAINAGE/SEEPAGE CHANNEL 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 5582

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X *Vanessa*

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Vanessa Maldonado Deputy Clerk

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