



## 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:** Briones Trench Soils Removal
- LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)  
Orinda, Contra Costa County
- DESCRIPTION:** Excavate and remove approximately 150,000 cubic yards from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) owned and operated Briones trench soils stockpile site in unincorporated Contra Costa County north of the City of Orinda. See Attachment A for more details.

2022-00095

**FILED**

**March 14, 2022**

**DEBORAH COOPER  
CLERK-RECORDER**

By   
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 19 CCR §15301
- ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it consists of the excavation and removal of 150,000 cubic yards of trench soils from an EBMUD-owned and operated, existing trench soils storage site. The removal of this temporarily stockpiled soil is part of the ongoing operation and maintenance of the existing EBMUD facility and does not involve any expansion of or change in use for the site.

### APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT:

3/08/2022

P. Mehta

C. LeBlanc

1. DATE PREPARED

2. PREPARED BY (initial)

3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. initial)

Michael Ambrose, Manager of Maintenance and Construction

4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)

Prashay Mehta

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Associate Civil Engineer

510-287-1266

5. CONTACT PERSON

MAIL SLOT #

TITLE

PHONE

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

3/9/22

DATE

  
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

**RECEIVED**

3/9/22

DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK

  
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

**MAR 18 2022**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Attachment A**  
**Briones Trench Soils Removal**  
**Contra Costa County**

**Project Description**

The Briones Trench Soils Removal Project (Project) involves the excavation and removal of trench soils material temporarily stored at the EBMUD-owned Briones stockpile site located in unincorporated Contra Costa County north of the City of Orinda (Figure 1). The Briones stockpile site is used for the temporary storage of trench soils generated by EBMUD activities including pipeline construction and replacement. Approximately 150,000 cubic yards (CY) of trench soils will be off-hauled from the Briones stockpile site. Off-haul activities include screening, loading, and hauling of trench soils, and stormwater and dust control management at the site. Excavation equipment (e.g., excavator and dozer) will be used to load trench soils into trucks for hauling to a regional reuse site located in San Leandro, Martinez, or other appropriate reuse, recycling or disposal sites as determined by the contractor.

**Site Characteristics**

The Briones trench soils stockpile site is located off Bear Creek Road in unincorporated Contra Costa County north of the City of Orinda and encompasses approximately 13 acres. The site is surrounded by EBMUD watershed lands, with the EBMUD Briones Reservoir to the east of the site and the EBMUD San Pablo Reservoir to the west (Figure 2).

**Purpose**

EBMUD continuously generates trench soils from construction projects and pipeline and repair projects within the EBMUD service area. The Briones stockpile site is used on an ongoing basis to temporarily stockpile the trench soils, and the site is approaching full capacity. The Project is required to remove existing trench soils to create needed storage capacity to ensure the continued use of the site as EBMUD continues to replace, repair and install water distribution pipelines.

**Permits**

A Construction General Permit will be prepared for this Project, including preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the site, and submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board. The SWPPP will include best management practices to be implemented to prevent erosion and sediment pollution to nearby water bodies, including Briones Reservoir.

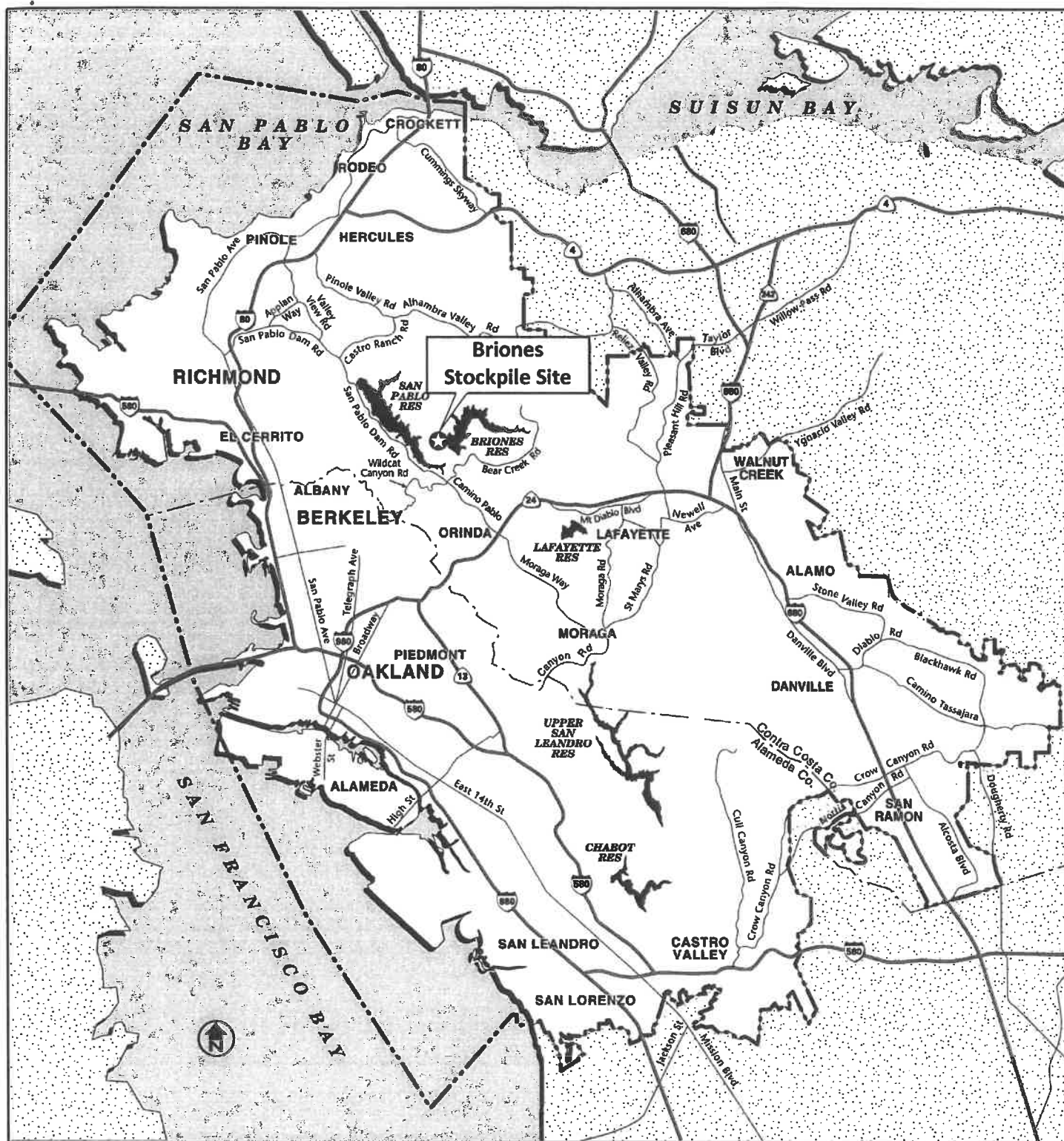
## **Public Considerations**

There will be a temporary increase in truck traffic from off-haul trucks arriving at and leaving the Briones stockpile site. All truck loads will be covered. No obstruction to public roadway access, and no road or lane closures are anticipated during Project hauling. No queueing, idling or parking on local streets will be allowed by off-haul trucks during the Project duration.

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.

## **Schedule and Work Hours**

Hauling is scheduled to occur at the Briones stockpile site for approximately five months in the spring and summer of 2022. Typical work hours will be 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and will be shortened to 9:00 am to 3:00 pm weekdays when Orinda Union School District schools are in session. No trucks will be allowed on Camino Pablo prior to 9:00 am.



## EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

**FIGURE 1**  
**Project Location Within**  
**EBMUD Service Area**



**Figure 2**  
Briones Stockpile Site



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

StartOver

Finalize&Email

RECEIPT NUMBER:

07-03/14/2022-098

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT		03/14/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	2022-00095	
PROJECT TITLE		

BRIONES TRENCH SOLIS REMOVAL

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT		(510) 287-0404
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
375 ELEVENTH STREET MS 806	OAKLAND	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) \$ 3,539.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,548.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,203.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ 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 CHECK 5784 **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00

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

Rec 35980.

Deborah Cooper  
Contra Costa County  
Clerk-Recorder  
555 Escobar Street  
Martinez, CA 94553  
(925) 335-7900

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Public

Receipt No.: 202200035980

Cashier: 189

Register: CLERKPC14

Date/Time: 03/14/2022 09:02 AM

Description	Fee
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION	
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Total Amount Due:	\$50.00
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Total Paid	
Check Tendered:	\$50.00
#5784	
Amount Due:	\$0.00

THANK YOU  
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

