

# **\*ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION**

(CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 711.4)

## **LEAD AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS**

East Bay Municipal Utility District  
375 11th Street, MS 806  
Oakland, CA 94607  
Tel: 510-287-0404

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ALAMEDA COUNTY**

**MAY 13 2022**

**MELISSA WILK, County Clerk**  
By M. Sigh Deputy

Project: Wildcat Aqueduct Inline  
Valve Installation Project

FILE NO: 22-159

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\$ 50.00 - COUNTY CLERK HANDLING FEE

☐ B - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

\$ 3,539.25 - STATE FILING FEE

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### **3. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_**

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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  
Alameda County  
Clerk-Recorder's Office  
1106 Madison Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

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

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

- TITLE: Wildcat Aqueduct Inline Valve Installation Project (Project)
- LOCATION: (City, County, and specific location)  
Colusa Avenue, north of Marin Avenue in the City of Berkeley, Alameda County. See attached Figure 1.
- DESCRIPTION: The Project will replace a segment of the existing 48-inch diameter Wildcat Aqueduct with approximately 24 feet of 48-inch mortar lined and coated steel pipe with a 48-inch butterfly valve and bypass piping. The purpose of the Project is to install an additional isolation valve on the existing aqueduct to decrease the distance between inline isolation valves for improved system operation and maintenance. 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 and 15302
- ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline
- ☒ Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is exempt under 15301, because it involves no expansion of the Wildcat Aqueduct's capacity and entails the minor alteration of an existing public facility. The project is also exempt under 15302, because it involves the replacement or reconstruction of an existing utility system involving no expansion of capacity. The Project will have no significant environmental effects relative to location, cumulative impacts, or significant effects due to unusual circumstances, scenic highways, hazardous waste, or historical resources, pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines.

## APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: Transmission Pipelines and Tunnels - 534

4/13/22	Krista Araica	Marshall McLeod
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. initial)
Carlton Chan		
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
Gus Cicala	504	Associate Civil Engineer
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE
		PHONE

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05/09/2022

DATE

DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK

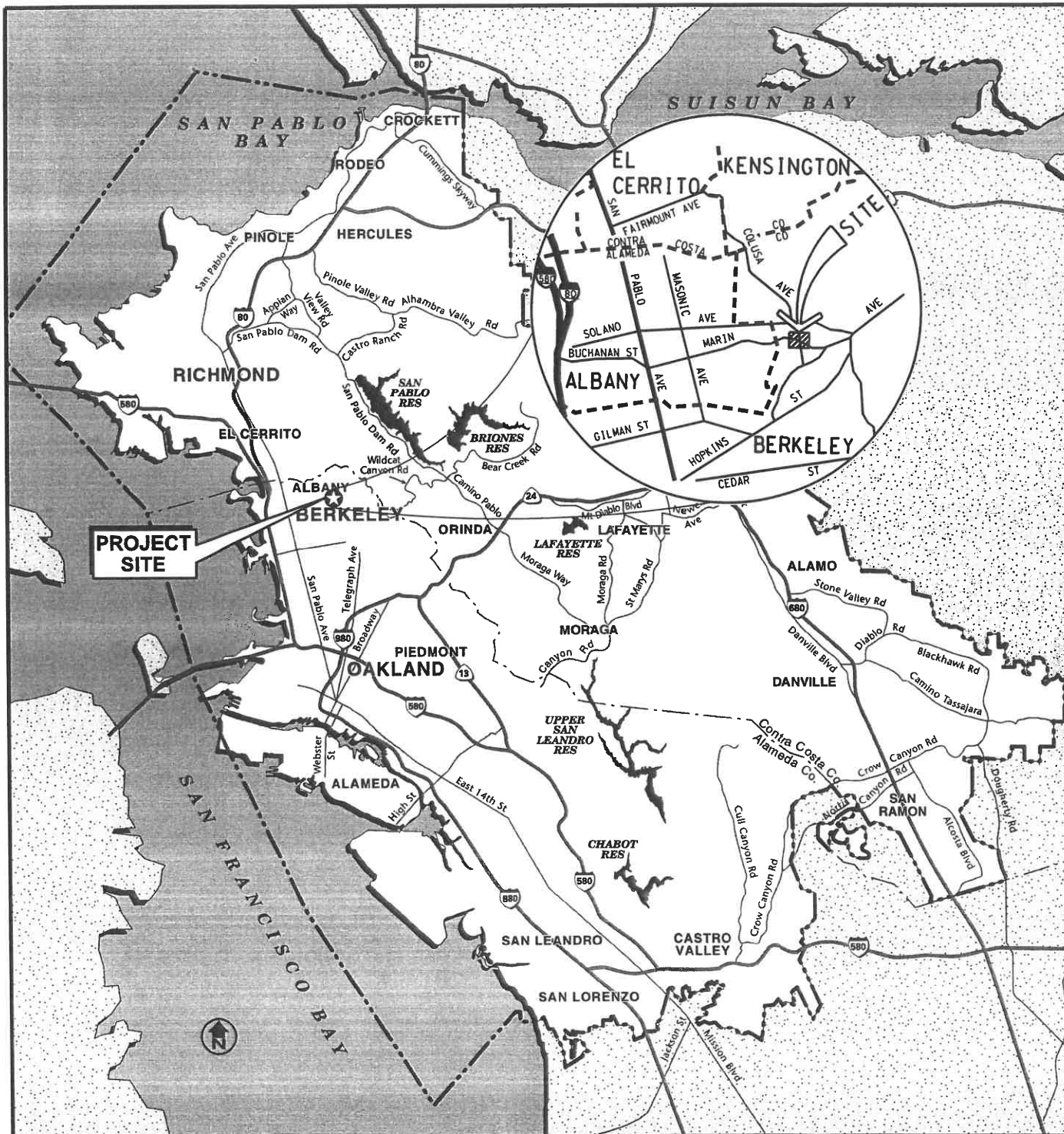
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## PROJECT SITE LOCATION MAP

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**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

**WILDCAT AQUEDUCT INLINE VALVE  
INSTALLATION PROJECT**

**FIGURE 1**

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**WILDCAT AQUEDUCT INLINE VALVE INSTALLATION PROJECT**

**Overview and Background**

The Project will replace a segment of the existing 48-inch diameter Wildcat Aqueduct with approximately 24 feet of 48-inch mortar lined and coated steel (ML&CS) pipeline with a 48-inch butterfly valve and bypass piping. The purpose of the Project is to install an additional isolation valve on the existing aqueduct to decrease the distance between inline isolation valves for improved water system operation and maintenance. The Project site is located in Colusa Avenue, north of Marin Avenue in the City of Berkeley in Alameda County (see Figure 1).

The existing Wildcat Aqueduct is the primary transmission pipeline that conveys water to the northern portion of the West of Hills Region, from the Claremont Center in the City of Oakland to Crockett Pumping Plant in the City of San Pablo. The Wildcat Aqueduct serves the northern portion of the Aqueduct Pressure Zone (PZ), which is located in a corridor north of Highway 24 and traverses the cities of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, San Pablo, and El Cerrito. In addition to the Aqueduct PZ, the Wildcat Aqueduct also supplies the pumping plants that serve the upper elevation pressure zones.

**Project Purpose and Objectives**

The purpose of the Project is to install an additional isolation valve on the existing aqueduct to decrease the distance between inline isolation valves for improved water system operation and maintenance.

**Project Location**

The Project site is located in Colusa Avenue, north of Marin Avenue in the City of Berkeley in Alameda County (see Figure 1). The replacement pipe and valve will be installed on the east side of Colusa Avenue.

**Project Characteristics**

In addition to the valve installation, the Project will also include pavement restoration.

**Permits and Approvals**

An encroachment permit will be required from City of Berkeley to work within city streets, and approval is needed to use city sewer lines or storm drains for dewatering activities. A National

Pollution Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit is required from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

### **Schedule and Work Hours**

Construction is anticipated to start in December 2023 and will take approximately one to two months to complete. Construction activities will be limited to the daytime weekday hours (7:00 am to 7:00 pm) to the extent feasible, except for emergencies.

### **Operational Impacts**

Although construction will require a pipeline shutdown for installation of the new valve on the existing aqueduct, it is anticipated that the implementation of this Project will not require any planned interruptions to water service for EBMUD's customers.

### **Public Considerations**

Partial and/or full street closures may be required during portions of the construction. A traffic control plan will be prepared and submitted to the City of Berkeley. 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.

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Attachments: Figure 1 – Wildcat Aqueduct Inline Valve Installation Project Location Map



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE  
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EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

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PROJECT TITLE

WILDCAT AQUEDUCT INLINE VALVE INSTALLATION PROJECT (PROJECT)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

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PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

(510) 287-1264

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)

\$3,539.25

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$2,548.00

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,203.25

\$

0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00

☐ Other

\$

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☐ Cash

☐ Credit

☐ Check

☐ Other

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50.00

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