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TO:
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FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
Office of the Secretary - (510) 287-0404
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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:** Slurry Management Project
- LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)
Unincorporated Contra Costa County. See Figure 1 for specific location.
- DESCRIPTION:** Continue to operate and maintain the slurry management system and any new facilities to support the slurry management system at near East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD's) Briones Reservoir site off of Bear Creek Road in unincorporated Contra Costa County to receive and process slurry from hydro-vacuum excavation trucks. The resulting soil and wastewater from the slurry management system will be hauled off site for disposal. See Attachment A for more details.

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 CCR, Title 14, §15301 and 15303
- ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline
- ☒ Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and 15303 because it involves construction of new small facilities and structures and the placement and servicing of equipment at an existing EBMUD site will not involve expansion of the existing use of the site.

APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: 790

5/26/2022	S. Matula	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	704	Associate Civil Engineer
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

6/6/22

DATE

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (Acting)

6/10/22
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK

SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

Attachment A
Slurry Management Project
Contra Costa County

Project Description

The Slurry Management Project (Project) involves the continued operation and maintenance of a slurry management system constructed as a pilot project, and any new facilities to support the system, to receive and process hydro-vacuum excavation slurry resulting from pipeline construction and repair projects near East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD's) Briones Reservoir site located off of Bear Creek Road in unincorporated Contra Costa County (Figure 1). The slurry management system's typical facilities include amps, portable tanks (mud tanks, solids tanks, and liquids tanks), and appurtenances such as mini excavators and pumps. Typically, vacuum trucks and excavation equipment are used to separate the water and solids in the slurry waste. The resulting wastewater and soil are stored temporarily in tanks and bins until they are removed for disposal. Vacuum slurry is currently received into an existing pilot slurry management system. A Notice of Exemption for a pilot project was posted with the Contra Costa County for the existing system on July 18, 2019.

Site Characteristics

The Project site is located off of Bear Creek Road, south of and below EBMUD's Briones Reservoir dam, just outside of Orinda city limits in unincorporated Contra Costa County, with San Pablo Reservoir to the west (Figure 1). The site is currently used by EBMUD for temporary storage of imported fill, staging of EBMUD equipment, and a slurry management system in operation since 2019.

Purpose

EBMUD continuously generates hydro-vacuum excavation slurry from pipeline construction and repair projects. The Briones site is used on an ongoing basis to receive, process, and temporarily hold slurry before it is hauled away for final disposal. The Project will allow EBMUD to maintain its infrastructure by continuing to manage slurry waste from hydro-vacuum excavators. The system will be approximately similar to the slurry management system currently in operation.

Permits

The Briones Project site is included in EBMUD's Construction General Permit which is submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Public Considerations

No obstruction to public roadway access and no road or lane closures are anticipated as a result of the Project. Truck traffic will be substantially similar to the existing truck traffic delivering

slurry to the site. Trucks and equipment will continue to access the site to service the Project. Trucking to remove the waste streams from the sites will also continue.

Schedule

The Project covers indefinite operation and maintenance of the slurry management system. Operation and maintenance of the system could occur at any time to support EBMUD's activities to maintain its infrastructure, but will typically occur from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Hauling of waste from the Project will typically occur on Saturdays.

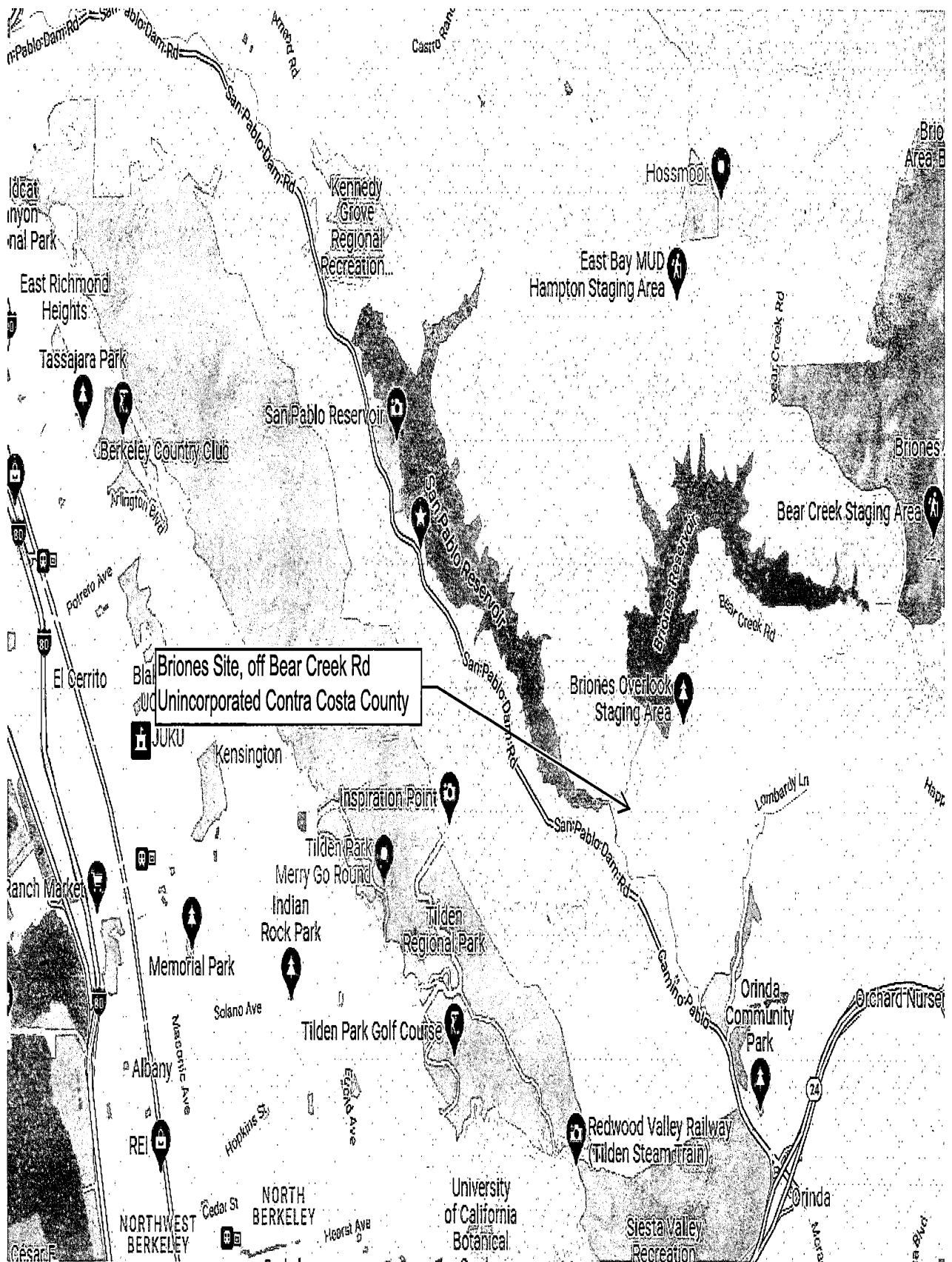


Figure 1. Slurry Management Project Location