

# **\*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

**Project:** East Bay Plain Subbasin  
Characterization - Well Drilling

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By AA Deputy

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Alameda County**  
**Clerk - Recorder's Office**  
**1106 Madison Avenue**  
**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

### PROJECT INFORMATION

- TITLE:** East Bay Plain Subbasin Characterization - Well Drilling
- LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)  
Various sites in Alameda Co. (Berkeley & Hayward); Contra Costa Co. (Richmond & San Pablo):
- DESCRIPTION:** Drill up to seven (7) boreholes at the site locations in Attachment A and install up to three monitoring wells ranging from 100 to 600 feet in depth in each borehole. The finished nested monitoring well will include a 2-foot by 3-foot Christy Box that is flush with the ground. Construction is anticipated to last one week at each location and be within the parcel boundaries. The wells will be used to collect groundwater data and conduct pumping tests. See Attachment A for locations.

### 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 15303, 15304, 15306
- ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the installing groundwater monitoring wells on up to seven different sites, ranging from 100-600 feet in depth. Installation will involve minor construction using a mud-rotary drilling rig, and upon completion, the wells' above-ground presence will be minimal. Construction will take roughly one week at each site. Accordingly, the project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15303 (construction of new small structures), section 15304 (minor alterations to land), and section 15306 (information collection).

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### APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: 455 WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS DIVISION

<u>August 1, 2022</u>	<u>Joaquin C. Cruz</u>	<u>Bradley M. Ledesma</u>
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. Initial)
<u>Linda H. Hu</u>		
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
<u>Bradley M. Ledesma</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>Senior Civil Engineer</u>
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE
		<u>510-287-1053</u>
		PHONE

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COURT

<u>8/2/22</u>	<u>Michael Boyle</u>
DATE	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
<u>8/29/22</u>	<u>Boyle S. Cole</u>
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK	SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**EAST BAY PLAIN SUBBASIN CHARACTERIZATION PROJECT –**  
**WELL DRILLING**

**Project Summary**

Drill up to seven (7) boreholes at the site locations described below and install up to three (3) groundwater monitoring wells in each borehole. At each site, a direct mud-rotary drilling rig will be used to drill a borehole with a diameter up to 14.25 inches, and up to three, 2.5-inch diameter monitoring wells will be installed (i.e., nested) in each borehole to depths ranging from 100 to 600 feet below ground surface. Each of the nested monitoring well locations will be finished with a 2-foot by 3-foot Christy Box that is flush with the ground. Construction is anticipated to last one week at each location. All construction and staging areas will be within the parcel boundaries.

**Purpose**

As the designated Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the East Bay Plain Subbasin (Subbasin), the District and Hayward are working to complete a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the East Bay Plain Subbasin (Basin No. 2-009.04). As part of completing the GSP, data gaps were found in groundwater level, groundwater quality, and aquifer parameter data. The purpose of the new monitoring wells is to help fill these data gaps.

**Site Characteristics**

Figure 1 presents the proposed nested monitoring well locations within the cities of Hayward, Berkeley, San Pablo, and Richmond. Each of the locations is discussed below.

**Location #1 – Ruus Park (1451 Folsom Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544)**

The site is bounded to the north by Ruus Elementary School, to the south by Folsom Avenue, to the west by Tampa Avenue, and to the east by Dickens Avenue. The site is used for recreational purposes and is mostly non-paved. The surrounding area is primarily residential and abuts an elementary school. The nested monitoring well will be installed near the southeast corner of the site.

**Location #2 – Weekes Community Center Park (27182 Patrick Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544)**

The site is bounded to the north by Gomer Street, to the south by trees and residential homes parallel to Rieger Avenue, to the west by Patrick Avenue, and to the east by Tampa Avenue. The site is used for recreational purposes and is mostly non-paved. The surrounding area is primarily residential with a long-term care facility along Tampa Avenue and a community food center along Patrick Avenue. The nested monitoring well will be installed near the southeast corner of the site.

Location #3 – EBMUD Wet Weather Station Q (1451 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Berkeley, CA 94710)

The site is bounded to the north by Page Street, to the south and east by an industrial equipment open storage facility, and to the west by 2nd Street. The site is used for storm water treatment purposes and is completely paved. The surrounding area is primarily heavy industrial. The nested monitoring well will be installed within the site.

Location #4 – EBMUD Stege Pumping Plant (former) (5019 Central Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804)

The site is bounded to the north and east by open space and marshlands, to the south by Central Avenue, and to the west by Rydin Road. The site was previously used as a wastewater pump station and is currently used for equipment storage; the site is mostly non-paved. The surrounding area is mixed use with office space, retail stores, and marshlands with the San Francisco Bay Trail approximately 60 feet due west of the site. The nested monitoring well will be installed within the site.

Location #5 – Lucas Park – 724 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond CA 94801

This proposed site will serve as a back-up site in case of an unsuccessful nested monitoring well installation at Wendell Park. The site is bounded to the north by Last Avenue, to the south by the Pennsylvania Avenue cross-over bridge, to the west by 10<sup>th</sup> Street and residential homes, and to the east by active railroad tracks. The site is used for recreational purposes and is a mix of paved and non-paved areas. The surrounding area is primarily residential bounded by an active railroad line. The nested monitoring well is proposed to be installed near the southwest corner of the site.

Location #6 – EBMUD Road 20 Rate Control Station (Intersection of Road 20 and El Portal Drive, San Pablo CA 94806)

The site is bounded to the north by Road 20 and El Portal Drive, to the south by apartments, to the west by storefronts, and to the east by Helms Middle School. The site is EBMUD property that currently houses the Road 20 Rate Control Station. The surrounding area is a mix of residential and commercial units and abuts a middle school. The nested monitoring well will be installed near the southeast corner of the site and only used to collect groundwater level and quality data in support of implementing the GSP.

Location #7 – EBMUD North Richmond Water Recycling Plant (105 Brookside Drive, Richmond CA 94801)

The site is bounded to the north by San Pablo Creek, to the south by light industrial and common area parcels, to the west by Richmond Parkway, and to the east by a vacant parcel. The site is EBMUD property that houses the North Richmond Water Recycling Plant. The surrounding area is mostly light industry. The nested monitoring well will be installed near the southeast corner of

the site and only used to collect groundwater level and quality data in support of implementing the GSP.

**Permits**

All work will be on EBMUD property or within the Hayward jurisdiction. All necessary permits from the regulatory agencies will be obtained, as necessary, to complete the Project.

**Schedule and Work Hours**

Construction is expected to start in Winter 2022 or Spring 2023 and is estimated to be completed by the end of 2023. Construction activities will be limited to the weekday during daytime hours, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. unless otherwise required by local ordinance, to the extent feasible.

**Public Considerations**

For the Project duration, there will be minimal to no impact to the public. No water service disruptions are anticipated.

Standard construction environmental and safety practices and best management 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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**FIGURE 1: EAST BAY PLAIN SUBBASIN CHARACTERIZATION PROJECT –  
WELL DRILLING (NESTED MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS)**

