

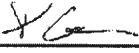
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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**  
**Contra Costa County, County Clerk**  
**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

1. **TITLE:** East of Hills Facilities Demolitions and Improvements
2. **LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)  
 Locations in Walnut Creek, Lafayette, and San Ramon in Contra Costa County; See Figure 1.
3. **DESCRIPTION:** See Attachment A.

## 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, 15302, and 15303
6. ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Reasons why project is exempt: Under CCR14, Division 6, Ch 3, Article 19, this project is exempt because it entails repair and minor alteration of an existing publicly owned utility (Sect. 15301(b)), rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures to meet current standards of public health and safety (Sect. 15301(d)), replacement of existing utility systems involving no expansion of capacity (Sect. 15302(c)), and new construction of small structures for a water main (15303(d)).

## APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: Design - 551

Kevin Smith <i>Kevin Smith</i>		Denise Cicala <i>DVC</i>	
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. initial)	
Serge Terentieff	<i>S. Terentieff</i>		
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)			
Kevin Smith	502	Associate Civil Engineer	510-287-0290
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE	PHONE

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

DATE	Oluji Yoye <i>Oluji Yoye</i>
	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
<i>12/30/2022</i>	Rischa S. Cole <i>Rischa S. Cole</i>
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK	SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

## ATTACHMENT A

### EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT EAST OF HILLS FACILITIES DEMOLITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

#### Overview and Background

The project includes the replacement of Grizzly Reservoir, the demolition of Castle Hill Reservoir and replacement with the new Castle Hill Regulator, and the recoating of Knife No.1 and Wiedemann No. 1 reservoirs. See Figure 1 for the location of the facilities.

#### Project Purpose and Objectives

This project addresses several objectives of the District's reservoir rehabilitation program including the following:

- Improve water quality by removing excess storage from the distribution system and replacing a single reservoir with dual reservoirs for greater operational flexibility to meet seasonal demand changes.
- Improve fall protection and facility safety for District employees.
- Renew critical infrastructure by replacing deteriorating wood roofs and addressing reservoir interior coating deterioration and corrosion and adding cathodic protection to extend the reservoirs' useful life.

#### Project Location

The project is located at several sites throughout Contra Costa County. See Figure 1, Project Site Location Map.

##### Grizzly Reservoir

Grizzly Reservoir is located in Lafayette at the end of Lucas Drive. The facility is located on District property, adjacent to the Rossmoor Electrical Substation. There are no other residential properties adjacent to the site, however there are residential developments towards the end of Lucas Drive, near the start of the site's access road.

##### Castle Hill Reservoir and Regulator

Castle Hill Reservoir is located in Rossmoor, Walnut Creek. The closest residential properties are at the end of Grey Eagle Drive, adjacent to a 500-foot access road that leads uphill to the site. The Castle Hill Regulator will be located along the access road approximately 250 feet from the site.

##### Wiedemann No.1 and Knife No.1 Reservoirs

The Wiedemann and Knife Reservoirs are located in the Norris Canyon Estates community along Cliffcastle Court, San Ramon. Wiedemann Reservoir is at the start of Cliffcastle Court and adjacent to several residential properties while Knife Reservoir is at end of the residential road and about 300-feet away from the nearest house.

## **Project Characteristics**

The scope of work at each site is summarized as follows:

Replacement of Grizzly Reservoir: The 4.8 million gallon (MG) steel reservoir will be demolished and replaced with two 1.3 MG reservoirs.

Demolition of Castle Hill Reservoir: The 2.8 MG steel reservoir will be demolished and replaced with the new Castle Hill Regulator.

Construction of Castle Hill Regulator: Prior to demolition of the Castle Hill Reservoir, the proposed Castle Hill Regulator will be constructed and placed in service to maintain fire flow availability in distribution system.

Wiedemann No.1 and Knife No.1 Recoating: Wiedemann No. 1 is a 300,000 gallon steel reservoir and Knife is a 175,000 gallon steel reservoir, both constructed in 2004. The scope of work is to blast and recoat the interior of Wiedemann No. 1 and Knife No. 1 and update the cathodic protection system.

## **Permits/Approval**

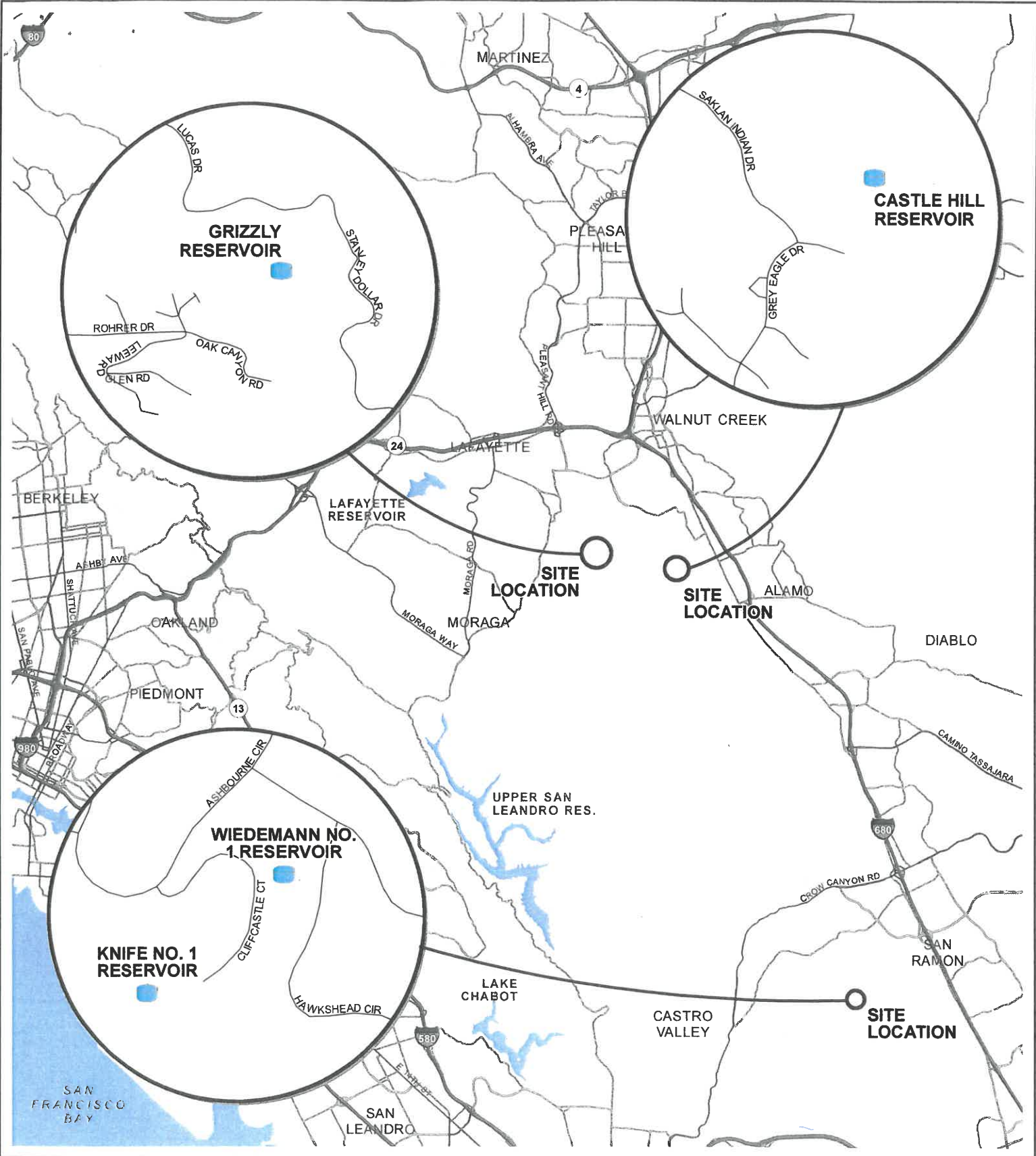
No permits are required for this project because all work will be performed on existing property or easements. Any necessary permits from the regulatory agencies will be obtained, to complete the Project.

## **Schedule and Work Hours**

Construction duration is approximately 2.5 years and is expected to begin as early as summer 2023. Regular construction work hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the Grizzly Reservoir site, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the Castle Hill Reservoir and Regulator site, and 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, for the Wiedemann No.1 and Knife No.1 Reservoirs.

## **EBMUD Practices and Procedures**

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.



**FIGURE 1**  
**EAST OF HILLS FACILITIES DEMOLITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS**



**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**PROJECT SITE  
 LOCATION MAP**

DECEMBER 2022

**SPECIFICATION 2179**  
 CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
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LEAD AGENCY EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 01/04/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2023-00002	
PROJECT TITLE  EAST OF HILLS FACILITIES DEMOLITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (510) 287-0404
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 375 ELEVENTH STREET, MS 806	CITY OAKLAND	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 94607-4240	

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency    ☐ School District    ☒ Other Special District    ☐ State Agency    ☐ Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**


☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 3,839.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,764.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,305.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ 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 1929    **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Gorman Patricia Deputy Clerk
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Kristin B. Connelly  
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