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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Lafayette Reservoir Outlet Tower Retrofit Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-52793-R3)

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located in Lafayette Reservoir, a standby drinking water reservoir owned by East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) accessed from the Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area entrance off Mount Diablo Boulevard in the city of Lafayette, a tributary to Lafayette Creek, in the county of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude [37.88491], Longitude [-122.13890].

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-52793-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to East Bay Municipal Utility District.

The project is limited to retrofitting the Lafayette Reservoir Outlet Tower (Tower) and conduits to address the seismic deficiencies under the Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE). The project seismic activities include shortening the Tower by approximately 40 feet and modifying the existing spillway conduit (located within the tower and embankment) and reservoir inlet/outlet conduit, by installing a 36-inch steel pipeline and a 24-inch steel pipeline within the reservoir spillway and outlet, respectively. Construction access to facilitate modification of the tower and conduit will require temporary staging, modification of an existing access road and boat ramp, deployment of a floating work platform, and vegetation removal. Construction is expected to start in spring 2026, and to last approximately 18 months.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Lafayette Reservoir Outlet Tower Retrofit Project

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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1), Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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