

**Notice of Exemption**

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality  
Control Board  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
Oakland, California 94612

**Project Title:** Tomato Stand Fish Passage Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Pinole Creek adjacent to Alhambra Valley Road, about five creek miles upstream of the undercrossing at Interstate Highway 80 (37.9698686, -122.21614).

**Project Location – City:**

**County:** Unincorporated Contra Costa

**Description of Project:** The Project will replace a perched, undersized 60-foot-long, 8-foot-wide corrugated metal culvert with a channel-spanning bridge to improve fish passage for steelhead and resident rainbow trout.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** East Bay Municipal Utility District

**Exempt Status:** *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: Small Habitat Restoration Projects, Section 15333.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project will restore habitat in Pinole Creek by removing the culvert and installing a free span bridge.

**Responsible Agency**

**Contact Person:** Kathryn Hart

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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Yes    No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Water Resource Control Engineer

Signed by Responsible Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Applicant