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December 15, 2025
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Contra Costa County
County Recorder
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

FROM: Contra Costa Water District (CCWD)
P.O. Box H2O
Concord, CA 94524
925-688-8000
Lead Agency/Project Applicant
Filing Agency

PROJECT TITLE: Old River Pump Station Power System Improvements Project

PROJECT LOCATION AND ACCESS: The Old River Pump Station Power System Improvements Project (Project) is located at Contra Costa Water District's (CCWD) Old River Pump Station at 17521 CA-4, Discovery Bay, CA, 94505, adjacent to Old River. See Figure 1 for a Project vicinity map and Figure 2 for a Project location map.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Old River Pump Station (ORPS) is located at CCWD's intake at Old River in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. In 2024, a condition assessment of the electrical infrastructure at the ORPS substation revealed that several components of the substation need to be modernized and repaired. The purpose of this Project is to conduct the necessary electrical repairs at the ORPS substation.

The Project will consist of the following repairs at the ORPS substation:

- Replacement of the existing battery system with a new NiCad battery system
- Rehabilitation of existing sulfur hexafluoride (SF_6) gas circuit breaker, including replacement of six breaker bushings with more resilient modern bushings
- Installation of a new HVAC mini-split system in the electrical service building
- Replacement of the existing disconnect switch with a new motorized disconnect switch
- Replacement of six existing halogen light fixtures with high efficiency LED fixtures within the perimeter of the substation
- Structural modifications to the A-frame support structure

The Project is expected to take two months, with construction occurring between November and December 2026 or 2027. A facility power outage will be necessary during construction, with an estimated duration of three weeks. During this time, the ORPS intake will not be in operation. Equipment laydown and vehicle staging will occur in previously disturbed areas adjacent to the substation, such as roads and parking areas, on CCWD property. See Figure 3 for the locations of

staging areas at the Project site. The following types of equipment are expected to be present at the project site: work trucks, forklifts, man-lift bucket trucks, mobile cranes, portable generators, and a mini-excavator or skid-steer.

Project activities will occur in previously disturbed areas, such as roads and parking lots, on CCWD property. No vegetation removal or tree removal will occur. As such, the Project is not anticipated to adversely affect natural resources such as open space areas, wetlands, and riparian corridors, or areas of known cultural or historic resources.

CCWD will use the following standard CCWD Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect the environment:

1. Trash - All trash will be properly contained, removed from the work site, and disposed of on a daily basis.
2. Construction Materials - CCWD will ensure that all raw construction materials, wastes, temporary fences, barriers, and/or flagging are removed and properly disposed of from the Project area immediately following the completion of construction.
3. Hazardous Materials - The storage and handling of hazardous materials within the Project site is prohibited and any unused or leftover hazardous products shall be properly contained and disposed of off-site.
4. Nesting Bird Survey and Buffers - Prior to the start of work, nesting bird surveys will be conducted at the project site by a qualified biologist. If any active nests are discovered before or during construction, the biologist will establish a work area buffer around the nest and monitor the nest for signs of disturbance.
5. Pre-Construction Biological Education Program - A qualified biologist will provide a worker environmental education program to all personnel working at the site prior to the start of construction.

AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Contra Costa Water District

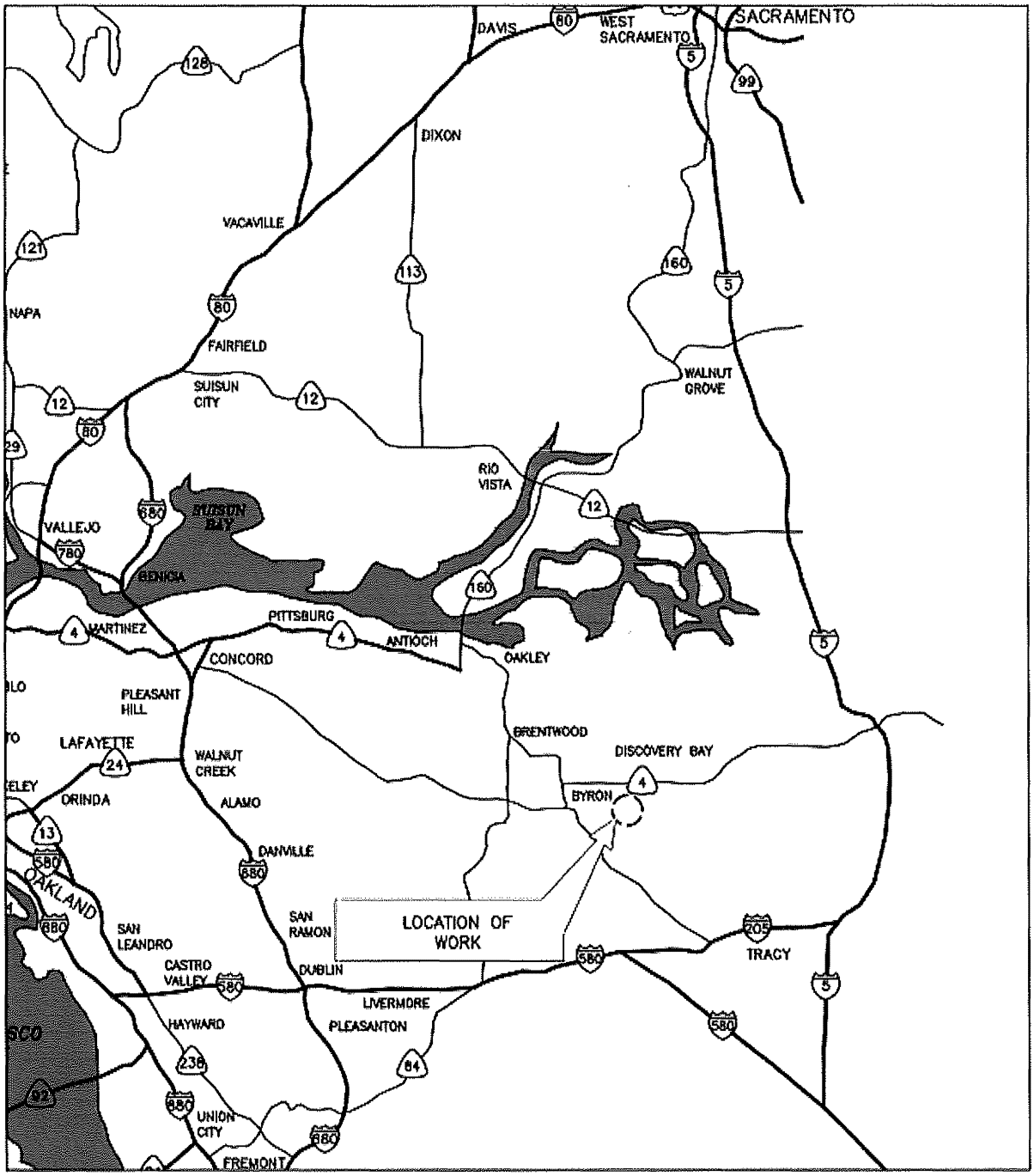
AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Contra Costa Water District

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This project is exempt under Class 2, Section 15302 (c), "replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity". This project is also exempt under Class 1, Section 15301 (b), as it involves the repair and maintenance of an existing facility owned by a public utility.

CONTACT PERSON: Cody Ericksen, Associate Planner, (925) 688-8223

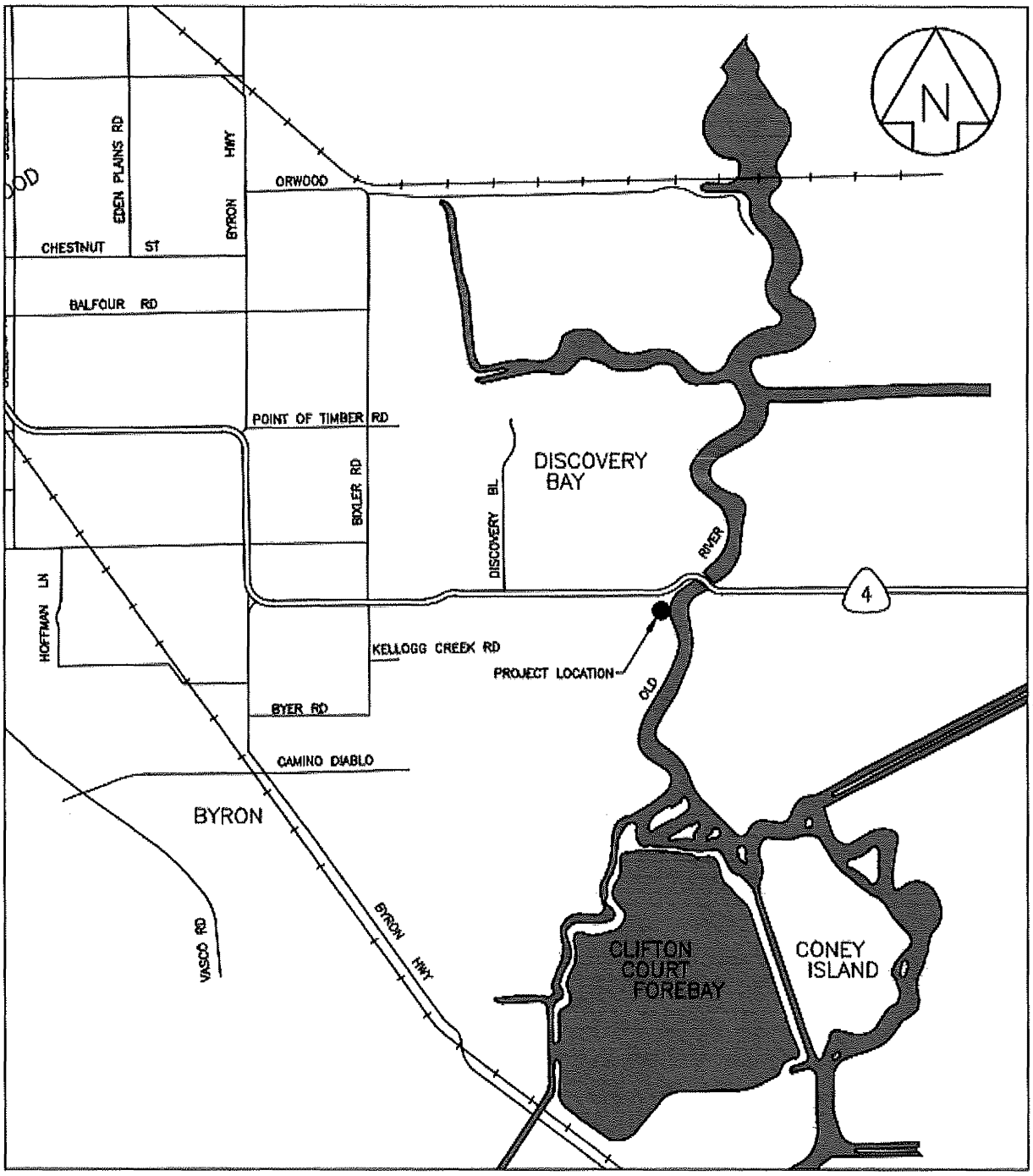
SIGNATURE: Cody Ericksen **DATE:** 12/15/2025

Figure 1: Vicinity Map



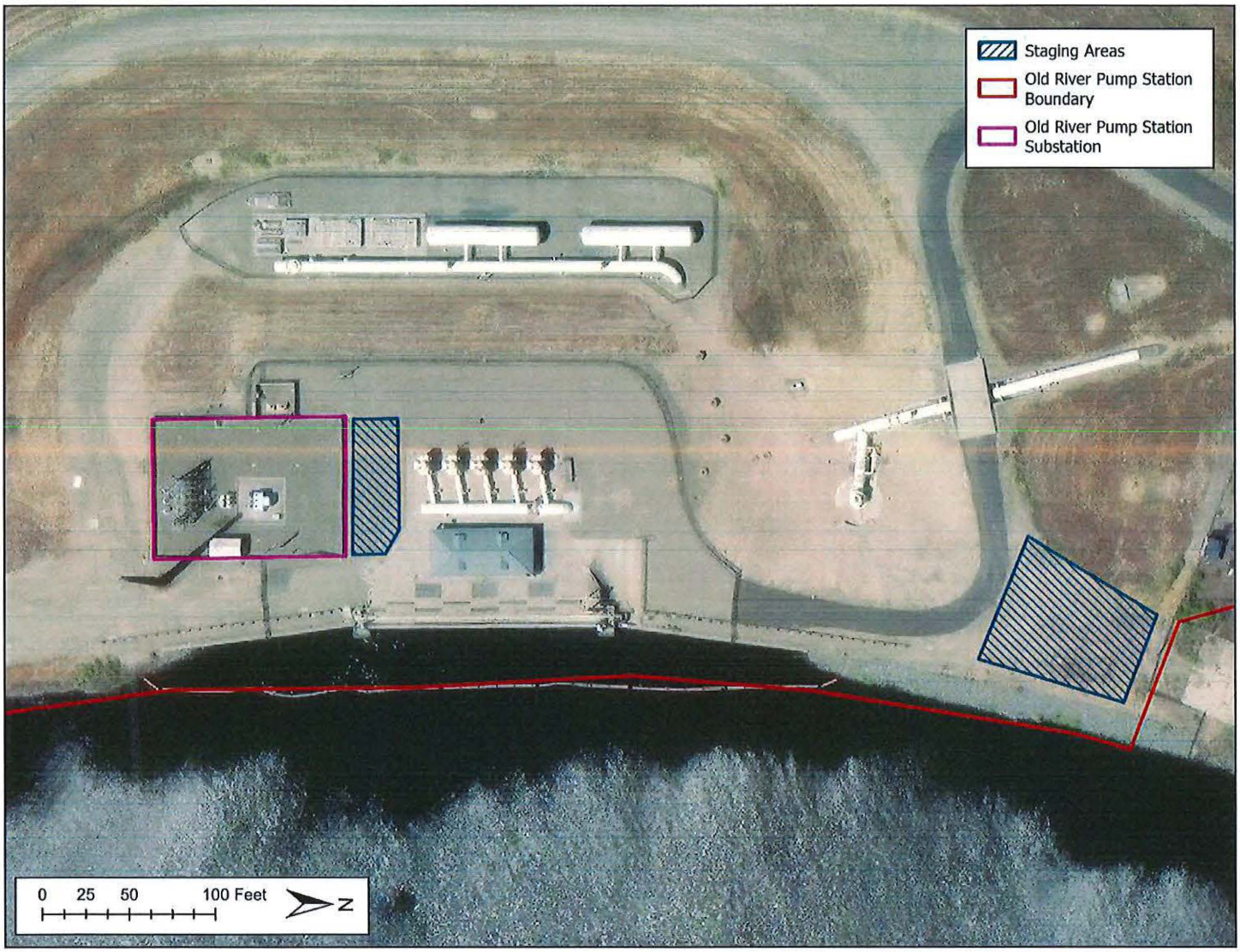
VICINITY MAP

Figure 2: Location Map



LOCATION MAP

Figure 3: Map of Staging Areas



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PROJECT TITLE

OLD RIVER PUMP STATION POWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
CONTRA COSTA WTER DISTRICT (CCWD)			(925) 688-8000
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
PO BOX H2O	CONCORD	CA	94524

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$ 4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$ 2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$ 1,401.75	$

☒ 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 **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X [signature]	Silvana Qasim Deputy Clerk

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