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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
San Joaquin County Recorder-County Clerk
ATTN: Office of the Recorder-County Clerk
44 N. San Joaquin Street
2nd Floor, Suite 260
Stockton CA 95202

FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
Office of the Secretary - (510) 287-0404 - SecOffice@ebmud.com
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

Received
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Office of the Secretary

1. TITLE: Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery Electrical Retrofit Project (Project)
2. LOCATION: *(City, County, and specific location)*
   25800 N. Mcintire Rd., Clements, San Joaquin County
3. DESCRIPTION: This project is for the replacement of an existing emergency diesel generator that is nearing the end of its service life with a new Tier 4 Final emergency diesel generator at the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery. The hatchery is located at the end of PG&E's power line, which has led to outages, thereby necessitating reliable backup power to maintain operations to prevent lost fish production. The new generator will be sited on the current location of the existing generator to be removed. See Attachment A for additional information.

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 15302
6. ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Section _____
7. ☒ **Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project is exempt under Guideline 15302, because it involves the replacement of existing facilities where the new facility will be located on the same site as the facility replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facilities replaced. **The Project will have no significant environmental effects relative to location, cumulative impact, or significant effects due to unusual circumstances, hazardous waste, or historical resources, pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines.**

APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: 481

10/16/2026	Warren Yee *WY*	I-Pei Hsiu *IHH*
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. initial)

Michael Beakes *Michael Beakes*
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)

Warren Yee	407	Assistant Engineer	510-287-2062
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE	PHONE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

10/16/2026 — DATE
Alice E. Towey — DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

10/29/2026 — DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK
Rischa S. Cole — SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

ATTACHMENT A

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

MOKELUMNE RIVER FISH HATCHERY ELECTRICAL RETROFIT PROJECT

Overview and Background

The Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery (MRFH) supports the maintenance and enhancement of Chinook salmon and steelhead populations in the Mokelumne River. During unplanned utility power outages, emergency generators provide backup power to critical hatchery equipment, including chillers used to maintain optimal temperatures for egg incubation. East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) is replacing outdated electrical equipment at the MRFH to improve the reliability of emergency backup power essential to hatchery operations. Power outages that disrupt critical hatchery functions could result in fish production losses and potential regulatory noncompliance.

The Project will replace an existing 125 kW emergency generator with a new 500 kW diesel generator certified to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Tier 4 Final emissions standards. The new generator will be capable of supplying emergency power to all electrical loads serving the hatchery facility. The Project is located at the MRFH in Clements, San Joaquin County, California (see Figure 1).

Project Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the Project is to replace an existing emergency diesel generator, which is nearing the end of its service life, with a new 500 kW diesel generator that meets EPA Tier 4 Final emissions standards and applicable requirements of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). The Project also includes replacement of associated electrical equipment (e.g., switchboard, automatic transfer switch, control panel, load bank, cables) to ensure the reliability and functionality of the hatchery's emergency power system.

Project Location

The Project site is located off North McIntire Road in Clements, California (see Figure 1) and is wholly within the MRFH facility site. All Project activities will occur within the existing hatchery facility. The existing access road will be used for construction personnel, equipment, and material deliveries.

Project Characteristics

The new emergency generator will be installed at the location of an existing emergency diesel generator. During a utility power outage, the automatic transfer switch (ATS) will coordinate with the generator control system to transfer the designated facility electrical loads from utility

power to emergency generator power. A second 250 kW emergency diesel generator that serves the York chiller will remain in service as redundancy to the new generator.

Project activities will include demolition and removal of the existing 150 kW generator, switchboard/control panel assembly, and associated concrete pad; site preparation; grading and excavation for construction of a new reinforced concrete pad; installation of the new generator and associated electrical equipment; shallow trenching for fiber optic cable installation; and associated paving and site restoration. The proposed Project site plan is shown in Figure 2.

Permits and Approvals

All Project activities will occur on EBMUD property. Encroachment permits are not required because no work will occur within the public right-of-way. Coordination with PG&E for replacement of a 1200A Panel and transfer of an existing meter will occur. The Project will obtain the applicable air quality permits from the SJVAPCD, including the required Authority to Construct and Authority to Operate approvals for the new generator.

Schedule and Work Hours

The construction schedule will be coordinated with hatchery operations to minimize disruption to critical facility functions. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2027 and take approximately four months to complete, during the months when the hatchery is not in operation. Construction activities will generally be limited to weekday daytime hours, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to the extent feasible.

EBMUD Practices and Procedures

Standard EBMUD construction environmental protection and safety practices applicable to all EBMUD construction projects have been incorporated into the Project. These standard practices minimize potential environmental effects, protect health and safety, and reduce disruptions associated with construction activities.

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Figure 1: EBMUD Mokelumne Fish Hatchery Electrical Retrofit Project – Location Map
Figure 2: EBMUD Mokelumne Fish Hatchery Electrical Retrofit Project – Project Design

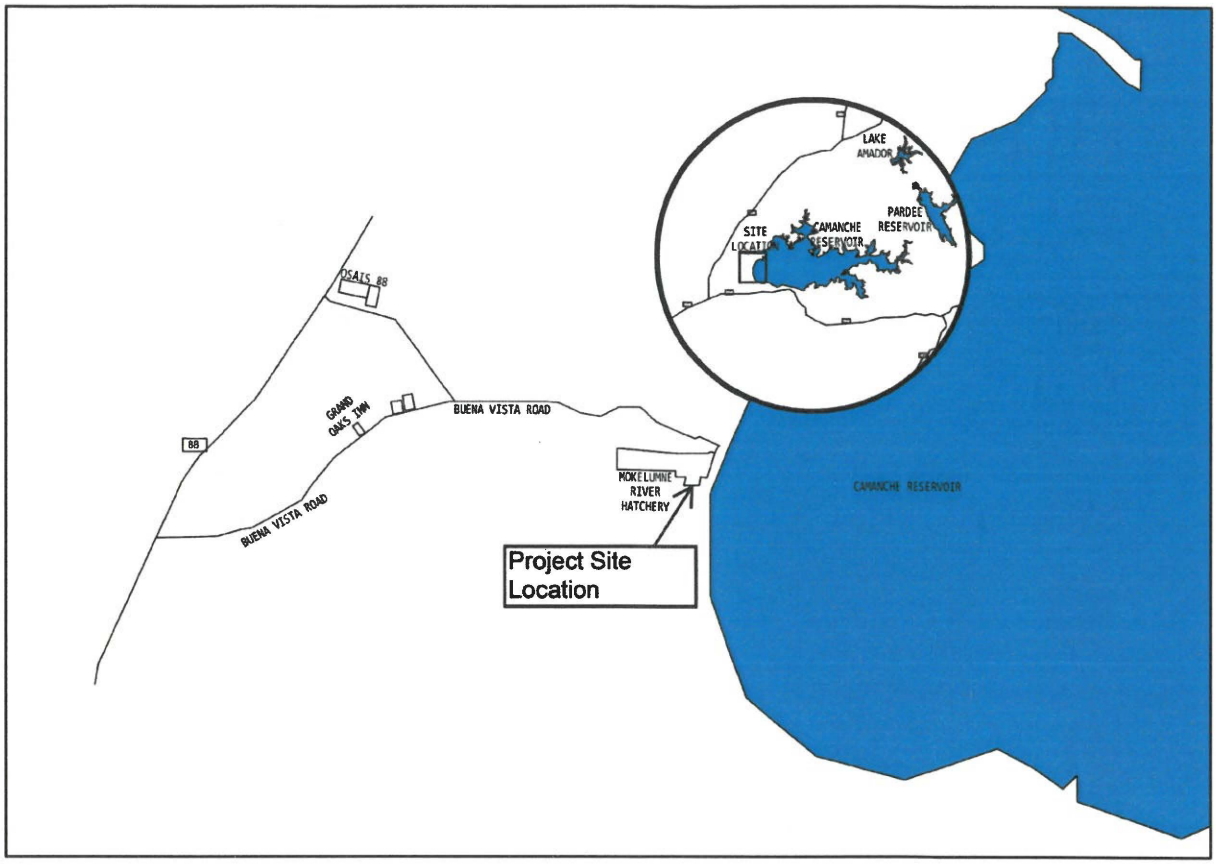


Figure 1: EBMUD Mokelumne Fish Hatchery Electrical Retrofit Project – Location Map

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

DATE: 10/16/2026

MEMO TO: Michael P. Beakes, Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife

THROUGH: I-Pei Hsiu, Associate Engineer, Water and Natural Resources Administration

FROM: Warren Yee, Assistant Engineer, Water Supply Improvements Division

SUBJECT: Applicability of Categorical Exemption Exceptions to the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery Electrical Retrofit Project (Project)

BACKGROUND

The Project will replace the existing 125 kW emergency generator, which is nearing the end of its service life, with a new 500 kW diesel generator certified to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Tier 4 Final emissions standards. The new generator will be capable of supplying emergency power to all electrical loads serving the hatchery facility. The Project also includes replacement of associated electrical equipment (e.g., switchboard, automatic transfer switch, control panel, load bank, cables) to ensure the reliability and functionality of the hatchery's emergency power system.

The Project is located at the Mokelumne Fish Hatchery in Clements, San Joaquin, California.

DISCUSSION

Based on a review of the Project, staff determined that Project is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15302 - Replacement or Reconstruction and will prepare a Notice of Exemption for the Project. As part of the determination of whether the Project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA, an analysis was completed to determine if the Project would fall into one of the exceptions as noted under Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines. The exemption analysis is documented in the attached checklist

Conclusion

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2's exceptions to the applicability of categorical exemptions do not apply to the Project.

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Attachment: NOE Checklist

NOE Checklist: Applicability of Exceptions to the CEQA Categorical Exemptions

A. **Location in an area of Critical Concern.** *Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

1. **Are you relying on the Class 3 (section 15303), 4 (section 15304), 5 (section 15305), 6 (section 15306), and/or 11 (section 15311) categorical exemption(s)?**

   Yes ☐ Continue analysis of this exception below.
   No ☒ This exception does not apply. No further analysis required.

2. **Is the project located in designated critical habitat for any species listed under the Endangered Species Act?** (Enter the project address in this website: https://fws.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=9d8de5e265ad4fe09893cf75b8dbfb77.)

   Yes ☐
   No ☒

   If you checked "Yes," discuss with District biologists to determine whether the project may impact designated critical habitat. Based on that discussion, if you conclude the project may impact designated critical habitat, you cannot rely on the Class 3, 4, 5, 6, and/or 11 categorical exemption(s).

3. **Is the project located within the boundaries of a habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?** (To answer this question, ask District biologists.)

   Yes ☐
   No ☒

   If you checked "Yes," discuss with District biologists to determine whether the project may impact habitat protected by the plan. Based on that discussion, if you conclude the project may impact habitat protected by the plan, you cannot rely on the Class 3, 4, 5, 6, and/or 11 categorical exemption(s).

4. **Is the project located in an area designated sensitive, hazardous, or of critical concern in the applicable general plan?** (To answer this question, determine which land use agency's jurisdiction the project site falls within, and briefly review that agency's general plan to determine whether the project site falls within any such areas designated in the plan. Potential examples include

hazardous slopes, sensitive riparian or habitat areas, scenic areas/ridges, hazardous waste/material/contamination sites, flood hazard areas, historical/cultural/archaeological resources, etc., which may be addressed in several different general plan elements, including but not limited to the land use, conservation, open space, and safety elements.)

Yes ☐
No ☒

If you checked "Yes," consider whether construction or operation of the project may impact the environmental resource identified/protected by the general plan. If you conclude the project may impact the resource in question, you cannot rely on the Class 3, 4, 5, 6, and/or 11 categorical exemption(s).

5. **Is the project located near a site identified in the California Department of Toxic Substances Control "EnviroStor" database, or the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker database?** (Enter the project address in these websites: https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/, and https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/.)[1]

Yes ☐
No ☒

If you checked "Yes," consider whether construction or operation of the project may impact the site identified. If you conclude the project may impact the resource in question, you cannot rely on the Class 3, 4, 5, 6, and/or 11 categorical exemption(s).

If you have checked any "yes" boxes for items A.2-A.5, but have concluded this exception does not apply, please explain why:

[1] The information obtained in answering this question is also used to answer question D.1, below. Please note that projects located "on" (as opposed to near) a site included on a site identified in the EnviroStor and/or GeoTracker databases are not eligible for any categorical exemptions.

B. **Cumulative Impacts.** *All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*

1. **Are there projects of the same type planned to be completed in the same area as the Project? (Sources:** *IPT GIS View Map (ebmud.com) for pipelines, Construction in my neighborhood :: East Bay Municipal Utility District (ebmud.com), and the latest Specification Report under Specifications & Engineering Support Site - Weekly Status Report - All Documents (sharepoint.com)).*

Yes	☒	Continue analysis of this exception below.
No	☐	This exception does not apply. No further analysis required.

2. **If the answer to B.1 is yes, could the project(s) identified combine construction impacts with the Project to cause significant cumulative impacts? In making this determination, consider the following factors:**

	Yes	No
i. Do construction schedules overlap?	☐	☒
ii. Do potential haul routes overlap?	☐	☒
iii. Are any projects close enough to combine impacts such as noise, odors, vibration, etc.?	☐	☒

3. **If the answer to B.1 is yes, could the project(s) identified combine operations-related impacts with the Project to cause significant cumulative impacts related to the following:**

	Yes	No
i. Noise?	☐	☒
ii. Odors?	☐	☒
iii. Visual impacts?	☐	☒

Based on your answers in B.2 and/or B.3, briefly explain whether this exception applies:

Although there is another project (Lift Station upgrade project) planned in the same area, there will be no overlap in schedules, routes, and environmental impacts (e.g. noise, odor, vibration, etc). Thus impacts from both projects will not have a cumulative impact effect and the categorical exemption for this project still applies.

C. **Unusual Circumstances** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

1. **Are the project's circumstances substantially different from typical circumstances surrounding the types of projects covered by the exemption(s) in question?** (To answer this question, review the language of the exemption(s) you propose to rely on, and consider whether anything about the Project differs substantially from circumstances typical of the types of projects described in the exemption(s).[2])

Yes ☐
No ☒

Briefly describe your conclusion, citing relevant facts regarding the project:

The Project is exempt under 15302 because it involves the replacement of existing electrical facilities where the new facilities will be in the same location as the existing facilities replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facilities replaced. This project's circumstances are not substantially different from typical circumstances surrounding the types of projects covered by exemption 15302.

2. **Is there evidence that the project may cause a significant environmental impact?**

Yes ☐
No ☒

Briefly describe your conclusion, citing relevant facts regarding the project:

With the implementation of EBMUD's best management practices, there is no evidence that the project would cause any significant environmental impacts.

If you checked "Yes" for C.1 or C.2, consult with Water Distribution Planning Division before proceeding. If you checked "No" for both C.1 and C.2, this exception does not apply.

[2] As an example, in one case, building a large home on a steep hillside did not present unusual circumstances relative to projects typically exempt under section 15303's exemption for construction or conversion of small structures. In contrast, in another case the presence of hazardous materials on land to be bought by an open space district was unusual, thereby disqualifying the project from coverage under section 15307's exemption for open space contracts and easements.

D. **Scenic Highways.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.*

1. **Is the Project located within or likely to be visible from an official state scenic highway?** (To answer this question, check for designated state scenic highways in the vicinity of the project using this website: https://caltrans.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=465dfd3d807c46cc8e8057116f1aacaa)

Yes	☐	Continue analysis of this exception below.
No	☒	This exception does not apply. No further analysis required.

2. **If the answer to D.1 is yes, would the project result in damage to any of the following scenic resources within the state scenic highway(s) identified when answering D.1.:**

Yes	No	
☐	☐	Trees
☐	☐	Historic buildings
☐	☐	Rock outcroppings
☐	☐	Other similar resources.

If you checked "Yes" for any boxes in D.2, the Project does not qualify for any categorical exemptions.

If you checked "Yes" for D.1., and "No" for all boxes in D.2, please identify the state scenic highway(s) in question and briefly explain your conclusion that the Project will not damage any of the scenic resources listed in D.2:

E. **Hazardous Waste Sites.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*

1. **Is the project located on a site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?** (The Cortese List is a compilation of several different lists of hazardous waste and substance sites that meet criteria specified in Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code. The Cortese List is maintained and included in the California Department of Toxic Substances Control "EnviroStor" and the California State Water Resources Control Board's "GeoTracker" databases. To answer this question, use the information you compiled when querying those databases to answer question A.5.)

   Yes ☐
   No ☒

If the Project is located on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, it is not eligible for categorical exemptions.

F. **Historical Resources.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.*[3]

1. **Is the project located on or near any historical resources identified in the relevant general plan?** (To answer this question, use the information you compiled when reviewing the relevant general plan to answer question A.5. Determine whether the Project site is on or near any sites identified as being culturally, historically, or archeologically significant.)

   Yes ☐
   No ☒

2. **Is the project located on or near any sites identified on the relevant local register of historic places/sites/buildings?** (Some local land use agencies maintain local historic registers. If the land use agency with jurisdiction over the Project site maintains such a register, review it to answer this question.)

   Yes ☐
   No ☒

3. **Is the project located on or near any historical resources included on the California Register of Historical Resources?** (To answer this question, use the following website to search for historical resources in the vicinity of the project: http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/ListedResources/.)

   Yes ☐
   No ☒

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[3] Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5, a historical resource is defined as any building, structure, site, or object listed in or determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or determined by a lead agency to be significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, or cultural annals of California. Historical Resources refer to prehistoric/historic archaeological sites and the built environment.

4. **Is the project located on or near any archaeological resources identified in EBMUD's archaeological resources GIS database?** (To answer this question, contact Water Distribution Planning Division and request a query of the database.)
   Yes ☐
   No ☒

If you checked "No" for all boxes F.1 through F.4, this exception does not apply. If you checked yes for any box F.1 through F.4, please continue.

5. **If you checked "Yes" for any box in F.1 through F.4, would the project cause physical demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration of the identified historical resource, or its immediate surroundings?**
   Yes ☐
   No ☐

If you checked "No," for F.5, this exception does not apply. If you checked "Yes," please consult with Water Distribution Planning Division before proceeding.

Completed by Warren Yee
10/12/26
Reviewed by [IHH]
10/15/26

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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$

☒ 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
☐ Other		$

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☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $50.00

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