



**Public Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification for East Bay Municipal Utility District
Aqueduct Recoating Project**

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program
Date Posted: October 28, 2022

Affected Counties: Calaveras, San Joaquin, Contra Costa

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Water Quality Certification Program.

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff are proposing to regulate this Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. **Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this notice (October 28, 2022) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (November 18, 2022).** To submit comments, or if you have questions, please contact the State Water Board staff person listed below.

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.

Project Name: Aqueduct Recoating Project

(Reg. Meas. ID: 449722 and SWRCB ID: SB22075IN)

Background: On October 10, 2022, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) submitted an application for Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for the Aqueduct Recoating Project (Project).

Project Description: The Aqueduct Recoating Project (Project) involves coating system improvements to the exposed pipe sections (gully-crossings) of Mokelumne Aqueduct No. 1. The work will occur at 54 sites between the town of Campo Seco and the City of Walnut Creek. There are 17 sites located in Calaveras County, 13 sites in San Joaquin County, and 26 sites in Contra Costa County. Improvements to the coating system include removing the existing coating by abrasive blasting and recoating the steel aqueduct.

The Project application reports impacts to waters of the United States, as shown in Table 1. Temporarily impacted areas would be restored to pre-project condition once the Project is complete. Permanent impacts will be mitigated through an in-lieu fee program.

EBMUD has led the federal environmental review process with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as a cooperating agency. EBMUD and CDFW have filed for a categorical exemption §15301 for existing facilities.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Impacts to Waters of the State

Aquatic Resource type	Wetland
Acres of temporary impact	0.367
Linear feet of temporary impact	15,812
Acres of permanent physical loss of area	0.055
Linear feet of permanent physical loss of area	2,397

A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the State Water Board for the Aqueduct Recoating Project in response to this application.

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Date of Application Submittal: October 10, 2022

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

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