



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
San Joaquin County Clerk - Recorder's Office
44 North San Joaquin Street, Ste. 260
Stockton, CA 95202

FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
Office of the Secretary
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

1. TITLE: Hildreth Lane Culvert and Access Gate Relocation and Expansion Project
2. LOCATION: (City, County, and specific location)
Hildreth Lane, Morada & EBMUD Aqueduct Right-of-Way (ROW), see attached map
3. DESCRIPTION:
Project includes relocation and expansion of existing culvert and access gate (plus new fencing) for realignment of the entrance section of the Aqueduct Right-of-Way. See attached Project Description for details.

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 15301, 15302, and 15304
6. ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline _____
7. ☒ Reasons why project is exempt: Project will be conducted in a previously disturbed area.

Project meets the definition of: 15301(c)(h) for maintenance and/or repair of existing facilities, 15302(c) for replacement and/or reconstruction of existing facilities, and 15304(a)(f) for minor trenching and/or backfilling

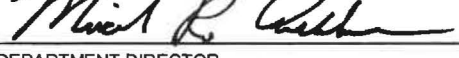

Project will have no significant environmental impacts relative to Locations, Cumulative Impact, Scenic Highways, Significant Effect due to unusual circumstances, Hazardous Waste or Historical Resources as pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines.

INITIATING UNIT: 785

APPROVAL

09/30/20	Deirdre Mena	Chandra Johannesson
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. initial)
David Woodard	David Woodard	
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
Deirdre Mena	704	Senior Environmental Health & Safety Specialist
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	PHONE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

10/06/20	
DATE	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
10/12/20	
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK	SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

Project Description

The Project includes the relocation and expansion of the existing culvert and Aqueduct Right-of-Way (ROW) entrance gate. The Project is in preparation of the regional water supply partnership project titled, Demonstration Recharge, Extraction and Aquifer Management, (DREAM Project). Trucks and heavy equipment will be using the ROW more frequently during the construction and subsequent operation of the DREAM Project. The anticipated increased load on the ROW triggers the need to expand the entrance section to the south side of the property to prevent weight overload to the central section of the ROW, where the subterranean pipelines are only four to five feet below ground.

Justification

In order to expand the ROW entrance, the existing culvert and access gate need to be relocated. The culvert was poorly designed, currently nonfunctional as filled with silt. The new culvert will be installed at an elevation 12 inches higher, ensuring that it effectively removes stormwater from the ROW entrance.

To enhance safety, a new double-wide access gate will be installed about 30 feet in from the edge of the public road. The new alignment will allow large vehicles to pull completely off Hildreth Lane when opening the access gates.

The project meets the following CEQA Categorical Exemption guideline definitions:

- Replacement and/or reconstruction of existing facilities, Sections 15301(c)(h), 15302(c)
- Minor grading and/or trenching and backfilling, Section 15304(a)(f)

Permits

A Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement is required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Central Region.

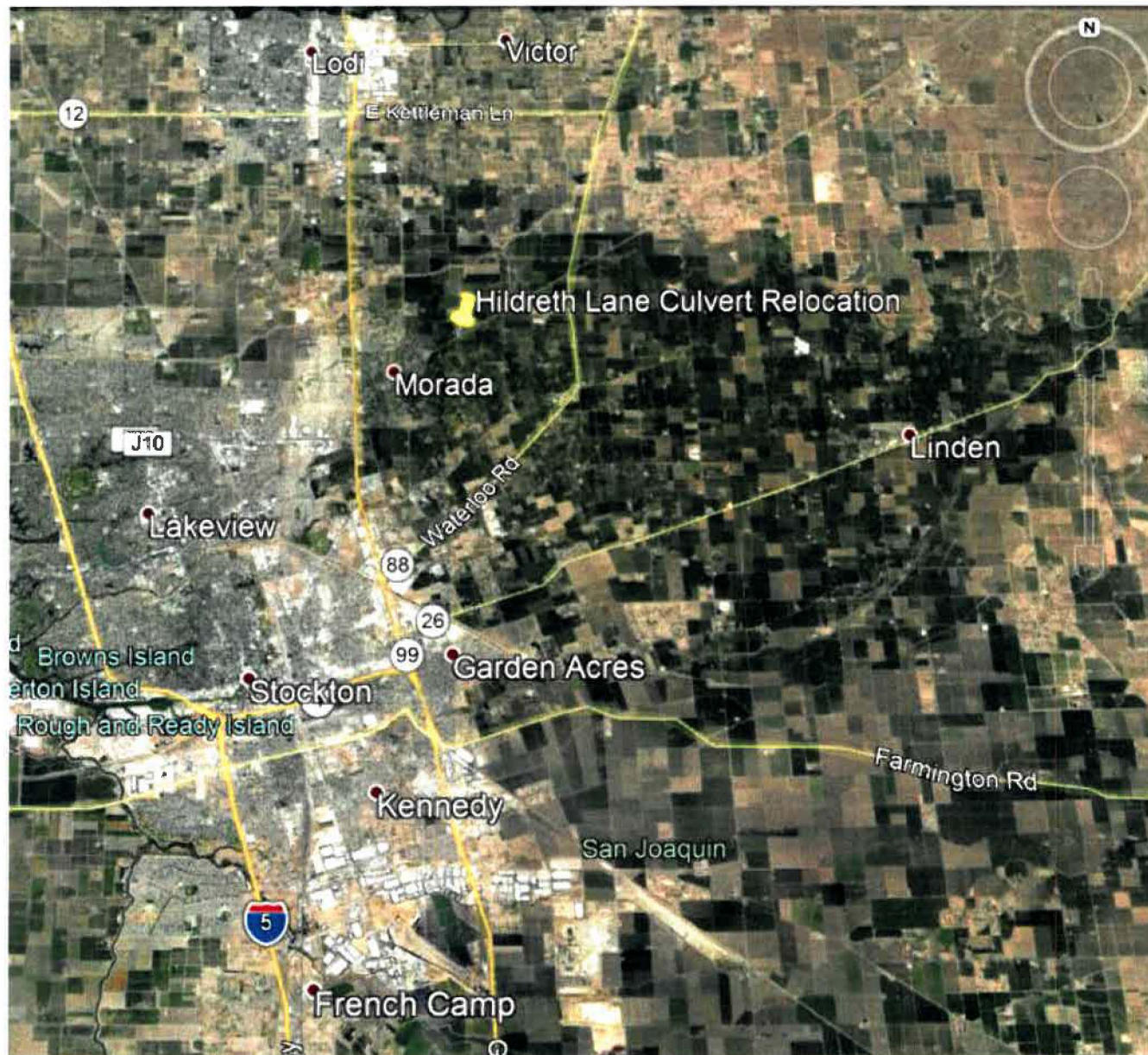
Schedule

Work will be limited to weekdays with standard business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The project is expected to be completed within five business days.

Public and Environmental Considerations

Proposed work may generate temporary noise and dust with use of equipment during excavation and material transportation. ROW entrance at Hildreth Lane is remote (mostly agricultural), so there should be no impact to the general public. Work will be limited to weekdays with implementation of additional site specific best management practices as necessary.

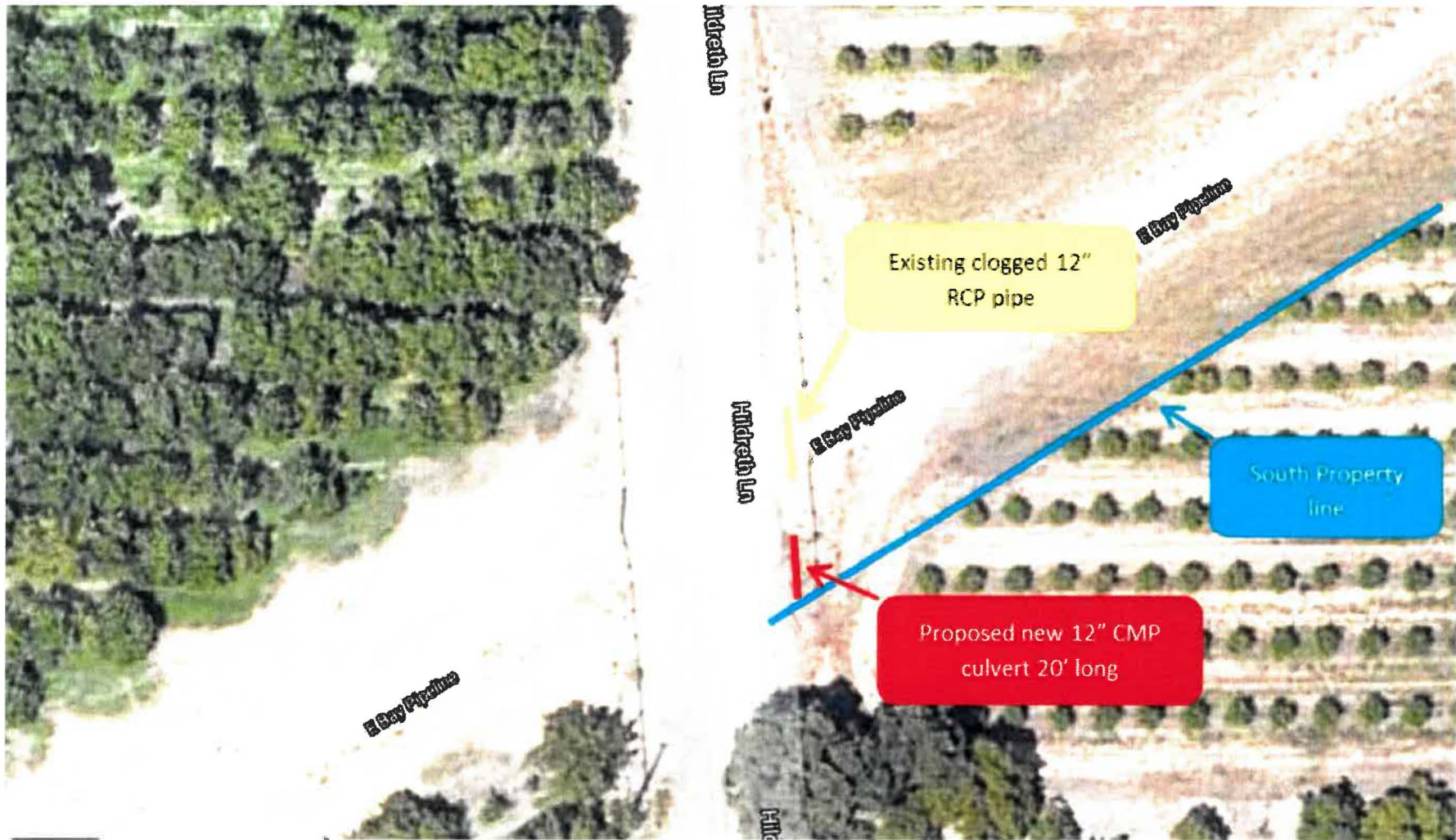
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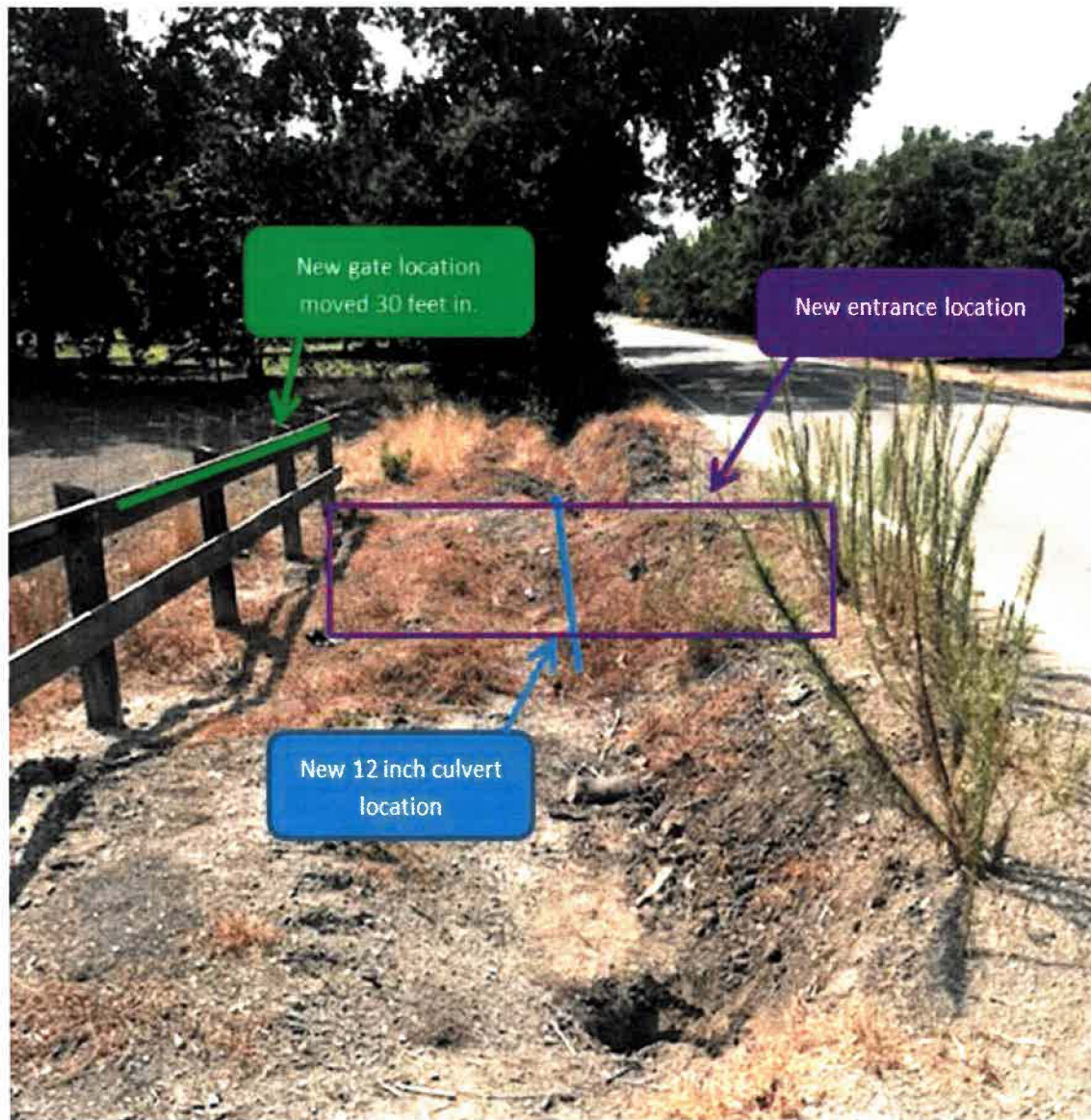
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