

## **Supreme Court of the United States “Ends” Affirmative Action in College Admissions**

On June 29, 2023, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled against admission programs at Harvard University and the University of North Carolina. However, the Court noted that "nothing prohibits universities from considering an applicant's discussion of how race affected the applicant's life, so long as that discussion is concretely tied to a quality of character or unique ability that the particular applicant can contribute to the university." There was also an exemption for military academies.



Mary Tobin, 2023 West Point Graduate and Black Veterans Project board member, expressed her thoughts on this exemption in Rolling Stone Magazine: "What that decision said to me was: It is okay for black and brown officers to be produced in these institutions of higher education for the purposes of defending and or dying for their country, if necessary. However, do not deem it important to ensure that there is a diversity of doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers, artists."

The Court left some leeway for promoting diversity so now we must wait and see what happens next.

## **Sign-up for EBMUD's Demystifying Construction Series**

On Monday, June 26, 2023, EBMUD held the first session in the series, however, you can still sign-up for the remaining sessions. Session two will focus on getting your bid together which will include a review of the Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form/Description of Bid Items, and Two-Day Submittal Items. Session three will be an overview of contract documents such as General Conditions, Materials Assessment Information, Summary of Work, Work Restrictions, and Payment/ Submittal Procedures.

If you want to receive information on future sessions, please email [contract.equity@ebmud.com](mailto:contract.equity@ebmud.com) or call 510-287-0114.

We would love to see you at these hands-on trainings!



# Upcoming Contract Opportunities

## Construction

Latest Information: [www.ebmud.com/business-center/construction-bids](http://www.ebmud.com/business-center/construction-bids)

Wastewater projects are identified by a Specification Number bearing an "SD" designation. These specifications are available from the Wastewater Department at 510-287-1754. Bid documents without the "SD" designation are available from the Specifications Section at 510-287-1040. *Bid documents are generally available at least 30 days before the estimated bid due date.*

### **Oakport Wet Weather Facility Chemical Tank Replacement - SD-442**

**\$855,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 8/16/23 • 510-287-1754**

Replace three existing chemical storage tanks including concrete foundation work, coatings, new tanks, and related mechanical, electrical and instrumentation work.

### **Lafayette Recreation Area Wastewater Collection System Improvements - Spec. 2166**

**\$1,500,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 8/30/23 • 510-287-1040**

Replace approximately 750 linear feet of small diameter gravity collection system and associated structures, replace approximately 1,300 feet of small diameter force main, and replace the sewer lift station in Lafayette.

### **Grizzly and Castle Hill Reservoirs Replacement - Spec. 2179**

**\$11,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 9/27/23 • 510-287-1040**

Replace Grizzly Reservoir with two 1.3MG steel tanks. Demolish Castle Hill Reservoir and construct new Castle Hill regulator in Walnut Creek. Interior coating replacement and cathodic protection at Knife No. 1 and Wiedemann No. 1 reservoirs in San Ramon. Odor control improvements at Danville reservoir and demolitions of Crest reservoir, Crest and Hill mutual pumping plants, and Hill Mutual pressure tank in Alamo and Walnut Creek, in addition to paving improvements.

### **Pardee Chemical Plant Improvements - Spec. 2142**

**\$TBD • Estimated Bid Date: 9/27/23 • 510-287-1040**

Install a new lime system (modern lime slaker, CO<sub>2</sub> storage, and injection facilities) at Pardee chemical facility in Valley Springs.

### **Water Treatment Plant Effluent Meters and Large Customer Meter Improvements - Spec. 2182**

**\$TBD • Estimated Bid Date: 10/2/23 • 510-287-1040**

Construct metering improvements at the District's WTP effluent meters and large customer meters at Lafayette, Sobrante, Orinda, Walnut Creek treatment plants, and various other large customer meters in Crockett, Rodeo, and Richmond.

### **Pump Station H Bypass Project - SD-444**

**\$4,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 10/18/23 • 510-287-7063**

Install temporary bypass pumping system to replace pump station's main isolation valve and flow meter, perform condition assessment of buried force main piping, and conduct miscellaneous repairs.

### **Recoat Mokelumne Aqueduct No. 1 Phase 13 - Gully Crossings - Spec. 2156**

**\$8,000,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 10/18/23 • 510-287-1040**

Construct a recoating system at all the exposed pipe sections (gully Crossings) from Campo Seco to Walnut Creek.

### **82nd Avenue RCS Rehabilitation, Cull Creek Regulator Construction, and Campus, Keller, Gramercy, and Villareal Regulators Replacement - Spec. 2180**

**\$TBD • Estimated Bid Date: 11/1/23 • 510-287-1040**

Modify existing vault and installation of upsized control valve. Install shallow vault with control plug valve and actuator, pressure reducing valves and flow control tubing. Replace domestic and fire service meters, reconfigure pipelines, modifications to concrete foundations, fencing, and security improvements in Oakland, San Leandro, and Castro Valley.

### **Mokelumne Aqueduct No.1 (MOK1) Bent Replacements at Station 2480 - Spec. 2184**

**\$TBD • Estimated Bid Date: 11/15/23 • 510-287-1040**

Replace two MOK1 bent at station 2480 on Woodward Island. Replace the MOK1 permanent ground system at station 2480.

## Construction CONTINUED

### **Water Quality Research Facility - Spec. 2171** **\$4,500,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 11/29/23 • 510-287-1040**

Replace the temporary pilot plant located at the Walnut Creek Raw Water Pumping Plant with a new permanent Water Quality Research Facility in the existing Decant Building at the Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant.

### **Administration Building Fiber Optic Cable Backbone Replacement**

**\$600,000 • Estimated Bid Date: 12/1/23 • 510-287-1023**

Install new 24 to 48 strand single mode fiber optic cable backbone in Main Administration Building in Oakland.

## Materials and Supplies

Latest information: [www.ebmud.com/business-center/materials-and-supplies-bids](http://www.ebmud.com/business-center/materials-and-supplies-bids)

### **Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) System**

**\$500,000 • Estimated Bid Date: TBD • 510-287-0454**

Provide a GAC system for the Danville Reservoir.

### **Oakport Forklift**

**\$80,000 • Estimated Bid Date: TBD • 510-287-0454**

Provide one forklift for Oakport facility.

## Professional and General Services

Latest information: [www.ebmud.com/business-center/requests-proposal-rfps/](http://www.ebmud.com/business-center/requests-proposal-rfps/)

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the projects listed are generally available at least 30 days before the estimated proposal due date.

### **EBMUD Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Program Plan**

**\$250,000 • Proposed Due Date: 7/28/23 • 510-287-1023**

Develop a roadmap for installation of EV charging stations at District owned facilities to allow for expansion of Fleet EVs with a goal of 100% of fleet electrified by 2030.

### **Hatchery Bird Netting Replacement**

**\$200,000 • Proposed Due Date: 8/1/23 • 209-256-4987**

Replace overhead netting over fish raceways.

### **Hatchery Transfer Switch and Generator Replacement**

**\$300,000 • Proposed Due Date: 8/1/23 • 209-256-4987**

Replace and install a 154kW generator and faulty transfer switches.

### **FY24 - Engineering Design Support for Mechanical, Electrical, and Structural Improvements at Occupied Building Facilities**

**\$TBD • Proposed Due Date: 8/18/23 • 510-287-1029**

Engineering design support services for mechanical, electrical, and structural improvements for building systems at occupied facilities for multiple projects.

### **Hatchery Lift Station Replacement**

**\$200,000 • Proposed Due Date: 1/1/24 • 209-256-4987**

Design work for hatchery lift station replacement project.

### **Construction Management Services - Administration Building Fiber Optic Cable Backbone Replacement**

**\$350,000 • Proposed Due Date: TBD • 510-287-1023**

Install new 24 to 48 strand single mode fiber optic cable backbone in Main Administration Building in Oakland.

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# Upcoming Contract Opportunities

## Upcoming Calendar Events

### August 2023

- 16 National Association of Women Business Owners: [NAWBO Empowering Women Through Networking! San Francisco, CA](#) [www.nawbo.org](http://www.nawbo.org) or 415-333-2130

### September 2023

- 6 Department of General Services: [Small Business Advisory Council Meeting, Sacramento, CA](#) [www.dgs.ca.gov](http://www.dgs.ca.gov) or 916-375-4940

### October 2023

- 6 Asian, Inc.: [52nd Anniversary Gala "Planted on Fertile Ground," San Francisco, CA](#) [www.asianinc.org](http://www.asianinc.org) or 415-928-5910
- 5-6 Women Construction Owners and Executives: [WCOE California Annual Conference, Golden Ticket to Paradise, San Diego, CA](#) [www.wcoecalifornia.org](http://www.wcoecalifornia.org) or 202-276-0646

## Upcoming Paving RFQs

*HMA Paving including striping and other related services*

**Estimated costs: \$250,000–\$1,200,000**

**Estimated Due Date: Through April 2024**

**Contact: Chris Shumate 510-287-7187**

- Lassen/Ohio/9th St - Richmond
- Fairlawn/Bonita/Channing/Camelia - Berkeley
- Webster/Bellevue/Linden - Oakland
- Everett/Oceanview/Hood - Oakland
- 84th Ave/Lawlor - Oakland
- Ramona/Atlas/71st Ave - Oakland