

MILLER ROAD TRENCH SOIL MANAGEMENT PROJECT FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

- 1. Title: Miller Road Trench Soil Management Project (Project)
- 2. Location: within EBMUD-owned watershed land in Alameda County approximately 2 miles east of Oakland and 2.5 miles north of Castro Valley
- 3. Description: The Project involves the continued operation of the Miller Road trench soil stockpile site, including import, temporary storage, and periodic removal (referred to as off-haul events) of trench soil excavated from EBMUD pipeline construction and maintenance activities. In addition to the trench soil, the Project includes continued operation of the rock and sand stockpile site involving import, temporary storage, and removal of these backfill materials used for backfilling trenches from the pipeline construction and maintenance activities. The analysis included a potential gradual increase in the volume of trench soil and backfill material imported and in the removal of stockpiled trench soil and backfill materials to accommodate increases in EBMUD's pipeline repair and replacement activities.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared and is available at EBMUD's Administrative Offices, Room 829, or by download at https://www.ebmud.com/MillerRoad.

- Recommended finding:
 The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. Reasons to support finding: Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study was prepared for the Project. Based on the results of the Initial Study, it was determined that the Project could potentially generate environmental impacts to transportation and wildfire. Proposed mitigations will be implemented to ensure that the Project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment. Based on this assessment, an MND has been prepared.

FINAL MND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

- An MND was prepared for the Project and released on March 20, 2025, for a minimum 30-day public comment period. On April 27, 2025, the public review period was extended until May 19, 2025, for an additional 30 days to a total of 60 days. All comments received on the MND have been compiled and responded to in the Final MND including any changes and clarifications to the MND. A copy of the Final MND is available at EBMUD's Administrative Offices, Room 829, or by download at https://www.ebmud.com/MillerRoad.
- The Board of Directors of EBMUD is scheduled to consider adoption of the Final MND and approval of the Project on September 9, 2025 at its regularly scheduled meeting, which begins at 1:15 p.m. in the Board Room at EBMUD Administration Offices, 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA 94607. Board meetings are conducted in person and via teleconference and/or videoconference. Links to view and participate in the Board meeting are available at https://www.ebmud.com/index.php/about-us/board-directors/board-meetings
- All persons who wish to challenge the finding that the Project will not have significant effect on the environment should participate at the meeting indicated above.

I hereby certify that a copy of the Notice of Intent for the MND was posted on the first floor of the EBMUD Administration Offices on the dates indicated below.

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Secretary of the District

03/20/25 through 05/20/25