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# CHAPTER 1

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## Introduction

### 1.1 Environmental Review Process

On May 10, 2006, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) filed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed San Pablo Dam Seismic Upgrade with the California Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 21091, and State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15073, the DEIR was made available for a 45-day public review period, during which time public agencies, private groups and associations, and individuals were provided the opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the document, including the evaluation of potential Project-related environmental impacts and proposed mitigation. The public review period ended on June 26, 2006.

Two EBMUD sponsored public meetings were held on the DEIR: the first was held on May 16, 2006 at the San Pablo Senior Center, 1943 Church Lane, San Pablo; the second was held on May 23, 2006, at the Olinda Elementary School, 5855 Olinda Road, El Sobrante. Notice of the public meetings were announced in the Contra Costa Times, the West County Times, the El Sobrante Neighborhood Connection, and as a El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council meeting agenda item. In addition, public meeting notification was mailed to nearby residents and interested agencies, and posted on the EBMUD web site.

### 1.2 Report Organization

The remaining chapters of this document contain the following information:

**Chapter 2, Comments and Responses to Comments on the DEIR.** This chapter contains all comments received during circulation of the DEIR and responses to those comments. All letters are referenced alphanumerically by letter and comment number. Where a response includes a change to the text of the DEIR, a reference is made to Chapter 3, which contains corrections and clarifications made to the DEIR text.

The following agencies and individuals submitted comments on the DEIR issued for public review during the period indicated above:

- A. California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)
- B. California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD)
- C. California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

- D. California State Clearinghouse
- E. Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- F. Contra Costa County Sanitary District
- G. East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) (May 24, 2006)
- H. East Bay Regional Park District (June 26, 2006)
- I. El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council
- J. El Sobrante Planning and Zoning Committee
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Copies of those letters are included in this document in Chapter 2, along with the EBMUD responses. Additions and/or changes resulting from evaluation and response to comments received have been incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and are reflected in the Chapter 3 entitled "FEIR Text Revisions and Staff-initiated Text Changes."

Included in comments letters listed above, the State Clearinghouse provided a notification letter indicating that the DEIR was submitted to State agencies for review. The State Clearinghouse submitted the DEIR to: Resources Agency; Department of Fish and Game, Region 3; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 4; State Water Resources Control Board, Clean Water Program; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 2; Department of Toxic Substances Control; and Native American Heritage Commission. The State Clearinghouse notification letter also indicated that public review of the proposed project was in compliance with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for environmental documents, pursuant to CEQA.

**Chapter 3, Text Revisions.** This chapter includes corrections, revisions, and changes to the DEIR as a result of comments, or corrections initiated by EBMUD or ESA staff.