

February 13, 2024

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#### **Options for Filling a Board Vacancy**

# **Board of Directors**

### Agenda

- Options to fill a Board vacancy
- Sample Timelines
- Next steps



### **MUD Act options to fill a Board vacancy**

- Within 60 days of vacancy
  - Board appoints a person to fill the vacancy OR
  - Board calls special election to fill the vacancy
- If the Board does not take action within 60 days, within 90 days of vacancy, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
  - Appoint a person to fill the vacancy OR
  - Order EBMUD to call a special election

#### MUD Act section 11865 et seq. Vacancy effective date – March 8, 2024



## **Board Appointment to Fill Vacancy**

- Appointment must be made by May 7, 2024 (60 days from the vacancy)
- Notice of vacancy must be posted in three or more conspicuous places within the District at least 15 days before the appointment is made
- Appointed Board member would serve until the November 5, 2024 general election
- Cost of a general election between \$370,000 to \$590,000



## **Special Election to Fill Vacancy**

- Special election must be called no later than May 7, 2024 (60 days from the vacancy)
- Special election would be held on August 27, 2024
- Elected Board member would serve the remainder of Director Coleman's term (through December 31, 2026)
- Cost of special election between \$1.3 to \$2.1 million



### **Sample Timeline – Appointment Process**

Feb 13: Decide on appointment process

Mar 22: Deadline for candidates

Mar 1: Post Notice of Vacancy

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May 14: First Board meeting for appointee

~Apr 23: Board interviews and appoint

### **Sample Timeline – Special Election Process**





Oct 22: First Board meeting for elected

Oct 8: Board certifies election results

#### **Next Steps**

- Options
  - Board Appointment
  - **Board call Special Election**
  - Take no action
- Discuss next steps based on selected option



### **Appointment Process**

- County notified; Notice of Vacancy posted/distributed
- Application packets made available
- Applications screened for completeness
- Applicants interviewed by Board during a public meeting or initial screening by an Ad Hoc Committee of Board (public meeting) not required)
- Finalists interviewed by Board during a public meeting; Board makes appointment



#### **Questions?**



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#### **Credit Ratings of Water** System & Wastewater System **Revenue Bonds**

## **Highest Ratings and Stable Outlook**

Assigned to 2024 and outstanding revenue bonds

	Water	Wastev
S&P	AAA	AA
Moody's	Aaa	Aa
Fitch*	AA+	

\*Certain outstanding bond series only.

#### EBMUD is the only Aaa rated water agency in California by Moody's.



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**Credit Ratings Scale – Investment Grade** 

S&P & Fitch	Moody's			
AAA	Aaa			
Highest quality, minimal risk				
AA+, AA, AA-	Aa1, Aa2, Aa3			
High quality, very low risk				
A+, A, A-	A1, A2, A3			
Upper medium-grade, low risk				
BBB+, BBB, BBB- Baa1, Baa2, Baa3				

Medium-grade, moderate risk

### **Credit Strengths**

Of Water & Wastewater systems include:

- Healthy, stable financial operations
- Sound management with long-term planning practices
- Strong adopted policies
- Regular rate increases
- Robust capital investments supporting system reliability
- Expectation that metrics will remain consistent through drought or economic contraction



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#### **Credit Concerns**

Water and Wastewater systems includes:

• Elevated debt levels

Specific to Wastewater System includes:

- Discharge permit renewal and requirements
- Possible challenges in meeting consent decree requirements





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### **Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Considerations**

Reflect that key environmental vulnerabilities have been reasonably incorporated into risk and asset management planning

- S&P views the District's ESG factors as neutral
- Moody's credit impact score (CIS) of CIS-2 indicates ESG considerations do not have a material impact on the current rating Factored into this score is a G-1 rating for Governance



### **In Summary**

 Ratings reflect S&P and Moody's views of the District's overall management and the finances of the District as well as the strong oversight of the Board and ongoing support for long-term financial stability all which allow the District to borrow at low interest rates for the benefit of our ratepayers.



## S&P Global Ratings

Moody's INVESTORS SERVICE

#### **Questions?**



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### Water Supply Update

## Water Supply Briefing

- Current Water Supply
- California Water Supply
- Water Supply Projections



### **Precipitation as of February 7**

East Bay: 12.52" (76% of average)



San Pablo Reservoir, J. Urness March 2023

#### **Precipitation as of February 7**

Mokelumne: 23.76" (85% of Average)





## Caples Lake Snow as of February 7 Snow Depth 70" (106% of average) Snow Water Content 12.55" (57% of average)

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#### January 31 Atmospheric River Radar Observations Comparison of Radar Imagery



Next Generation Weather Radar (NEXRAD) Mount Umunhum S-Band Radar



#### Rocky Ridge X-Band Radar





## **California Water Supply**

### **Snowpack as of February 8**

Snow Water Equivalent: 75% in Central Sierra





#### Northern California Water Supply Current vs. Average Storage



TAF: Thousand Acre-Feet







## Water Supply Projections

### **Total System Storage as of February 7**

Current: 643 TAF (113% of Average)

Reservoir	Current Storage, TAF	Percent of Average	Percent of Capacity
Pardee	176	98%	86%
Camanche	331	126%	79%
East Bay	136	107%	91%
Total System	643	113%	83%



TAF: Thousand Acre-Feet



#### Projected: 630 TAF by 9/30

#### **Questions?**



