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A clean bay to protect health and habitat



Before the 1950s, raw sewage flowed into San Francisco Bay. It created a foul, polluted mess. East Bay communities turned to EBMUD for a regional solution.

This year, we mark our 75th year of providing wastewater treatment that protects public health and has helped transform the bay into a treasured natural resource.

A vote for the bay

When residents voted in 1944 for EBMUD to manage wastewater treatment, we built a plant in West Oakland and installed three massive underground interceptor pipes to capture flows from city sewers. Operations began in 1951.

EBMUD has continually improved treatment as environmental standards have evolved.

Pollution reductions

In the 1970s, EBMUD added biological processes to remove more organic matter and launched a program to control pollutants at their source. The result: a 90% reduction in toxic discharges.

Since 2020, EBMUD has significantly cut nitrogen discharges that can upset the ecological balance needed for healthy marine life, saving ratepayer dollars while improving bay water quality.

Sustainable operations

EBMUD recycles water, recovers nutrients used in soil amendments, and generates energy from waste materials. We became the first North American wastewater utility to produce more renewable energy than we consume.

The bay today

Decades of environmental stewardship by EBMUD and our regional partners have restored the marine ecosystem to support wildlife and recreation.

A team of over 50 EBMUD plant operators work around the clock to fulfill our mission of protecting public health and the environment for today's 740,000 wastewater customers and for future generations.





Adapting treatment for new challenges

Wastewater treatment provides essential benefits for our community. It prevents the spread of diseases, supports a healthy ecosystem and keeps San Francisco Bay clean for recreation.

As EBMUD celebrates 75 years of wastewater service, our focus is on meeting the challenges of the next era by investing in our pumps, plants and critical systems. Together, these investments will strengthen reliability, support cleaner water, and prepare EBMUD's wastewater system for generations to come.

Here's a look at key improvements in the works:



DEWATERING BUILDING

- This facility creates biosolids that can be recycled as beneficial soil amendments
- Upgrades will make the building more reliable and efficient while reducing operating costs



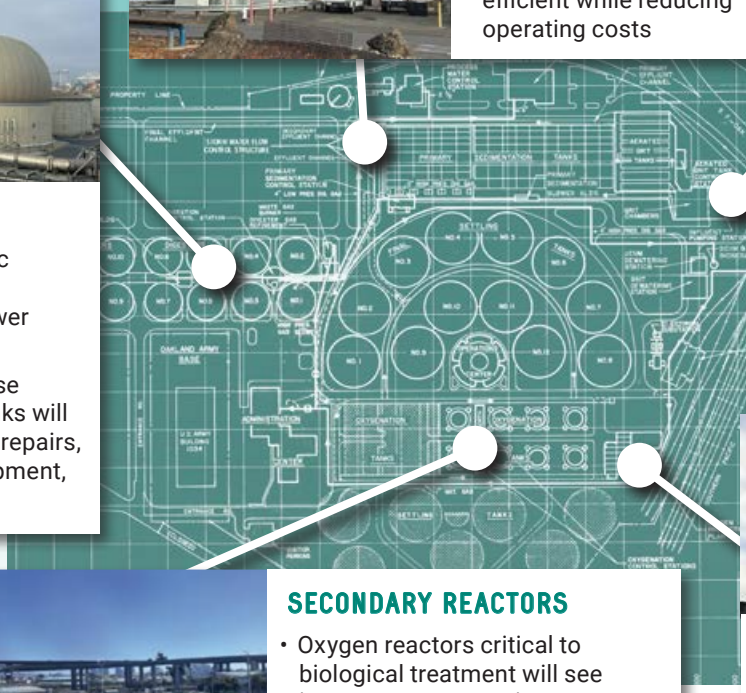
INFLUENT PUMP STATION

- Built in 1951, this facility moves wastewater from sewer interceptor pipes into our plant for treatment
- Improvements will allow quick service recovery after a major earthquake or power outage



DIGESTERS

- Digesters turn organic waste into renewable energy that helps power the treatment plant
- Improvements to these 50- to 75-year-old tanks will include roof and wall repairs, new monitoring equipment, and safety upgrades





SECONDARY REACTORS

- Oxygen reactors critical to biological treatment will see improvements to aging concrete, piping and electrical equipment needed to meet future nitrogen removal requirements



OXYGEN PLANT

- Modern digital controls and automation will replace obsolete analog equipment
- EBMUD will replace corroded piping and upgrade safety controls

Learn how EBMUD keeps the bay clean at ***ebmud.com/wastewater***

EBMUD treats wastewater from Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont and part of Richmond.

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EBMUD Mission Statement
To manage the natural resources with which the District is entrusted; to provide reliable, high-quality water and wastewater services at fair and reasonable rates for the people of the East Bay; and to preserve and protect the environment for future generations.

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