

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SOBRANTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) is scheduled to consider certification of the Sobrante Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Reliability Improvements Project (Project) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approval of the Project, on May 13, 2025 at the regularly scheduled meeting which begins at 1:15 p.m. in the Board Room at EBMUD's Administration Offices located at 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA. Board meetings are conducted in person and via teleconference and/or videoconference. Links to view and participate in Board meetings are available at https://www.ebmud.com/index.php/about-us/board-directors/board-meetings.

The Sobrante WTP treats water stored locally at San Pablo Reservoir and serves customers in El Sobrante, Richmond, Pinole, Hercules, Rodeo, Crockett, and San Pablo. San Pablo Reservoir stores untreated water supplied from local runoff and supplemental supply from the Sacramento River via the Freeport Regional Water Project. The Project would replace aging infrastructure, restore reliable treatment capacity, continue to meet drinking water regulations, reduce disinfection by-products, improve efficiency of maintenance operations, maintain flexibility to treat supplemental supplies, and increase treatment capacity to reliably meet future demand.

The Project is located at the existing Sobrante WTP at 5500 Amend Road in El Sobrante and the city of Richmond and in public roads in the cities of Richmond and San Pablo and unincorporated communities of El Sobrante and Rollingwood. The proposed Project would be designed and constructed in two separate phases: Phase 1 improvements would restore treatment capacity at Sobrante WTP to 60 million gallons per day (MGD) and Phase 2 improvements would increase capacity to 80 MGD. The construction of Phase 1 improvements is scheduled from 2039 to 2043. The construction timing of the Phase 2 improvements would depend on the timing of future demands and is scheduled for 2054 but may be delayed or may not occur if water demands are not realized.

A Draft EIR was prepared for the Project and released for a 45-day public review period on September 12, 2024. All comments received on the Draft EIR have been compiled and responded to in the Final EIR, and revisions or changes to the Draft EIR are also included. Copies of the Final EIR are available for public review during office hours at the EBMUD Administration Offices located at 375 11th Street in Oakland or on the Project website at www.ebmud.com/sowtp.

Persons interested in receiving a copy of the Final EIR or reviewing documents referenced in the EIR should contact Jae Park at sowtp.improvements@ebmud.com.

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