



November 15, 2019

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
CENTRAL RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
SCH #2018042078**

Notice is hereby given that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Central Reservoir Replacement Project (Project) is available for public review. The Project proponent is East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA 94607-4240. EBMUD is also the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Purpose: The existing Central Reservoir is a 109 year-old critical facility that has reached the end of its useful service life and requires removal and disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls in the reservoir's interior coating. The existing reservoir concerns also include a failing lining; a roof that does not meet current seismic codes; potential leakage in the upper areas of the panel craft lining, resulting in reduced operating levels; and difficult water quality operations as the existing reservoir is about three times larger than required and is located at an elevation that is too low relative to the customers it serves and other reservoirs in the same pressure zone, creating unusable storage.

Project Location and Description: Central Reservoir is located on a 27-acre site in the City of Oakland, CA. The Project site is bordered by Interstate 580 (I-580) to the north, Ardley Avenue and 23rd Avenue to the west, 25th Avenue and East 29th Street to the south, and the Central Reservoir Recreation Area and Sheffield Avenue to the east (see Figure 1). The Project includes demolition of the existing 154-million-gallon (MG) open-cut reservoir and replacement with three new 17-MG concrete tanks approximately 20 feet higher than the existing reservoir within the existing reservoir basin as shown in Figure 2. The Project also includes removal of vegetation and demolition of the existing reservoir, roof, lining, and material storage building, removal of a portion of the reservoir's main embankment, construction of a reinforced tank foundation system, a new rate control station, a valve structure, service road and site paving, a bioretention area, and security fencing all within the existing reservoir property. The Project site design, with community input, incorporates existing landscaping, a mix of earthen berms, trees and shrubs to screen the tanks and emphasize the natural setting at the perimeter of the site while balancing earthwork. The Project also includes an access driveway to connect the Redwood Day School parking area to Ardley Avenue. Construction for the Project is expected to occur over a 6-year period, between 2026 and 2031.

Significant Environmental Effects: Analysis of environmental impacts associated with the Project identified potentially significant impacts in the following areas: Aesthetics, Biological, Noise, and Traffic. With the exception of Noise, impacts would be mitigated to less-than-significant levels by implementation of mitigation measures. Except for Noise, cumulative impacts are either found not to be significant or are mitigated to less-than-significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures. Once the Project is constructed and operational, all impacts would be less than significant.

Public Review: The Draft EIR is available on EBMUD's Project website at www.ebmud.com/central. Persons interested in receiving a copy of the Draft EIR or reviewing documents referenced in the Draft EIR should contact Aaron Hope at centralreservoir@ebmud.com.

The Draft EIR is also available for public review at the following locations:

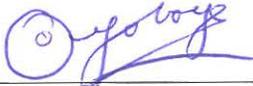
EBMUD Offices 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Oakland Public Library
Dimond Branch 3565 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602

Public Meeting: The following public meeting is scheduled to review the Draft EIR and will start at 6:30 p.m.:

- December 4, 2019 – Manzanita Community School, 2409 East 27th St, Oakland, CA 94601

Deadlines: The public review period is from November 15, 2019 to January 13, 2020. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on January 13, 2020. Written comments must be submitted to Aaron Hope, Associate Civil Engineer, M/S #701, 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA 94607-4240, or e-mailed to centralreservoir@ebmud.com. Action on the EIR is currently scheduled to be taken by the EBMUD Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board meeting in June 2020 at 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA.



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Figure 1: Project Location



Figure 2: Site Plan

