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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Chabot Dam Seismic Upgrade Project
San Leandro, Oakland, Alameda County
Draft Environmental Impact Report
SCH # 2013042075

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

Project Description: The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) proposes to prepare a project level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the seismic upgrade of Chabot Dam. The proposed project involves two components: improvement of the dam embankment and improvement to the outlet works. The project, including haul routes and stockpile areas, is located within EBMUD property, which reduces truck traffic in nearby neighborhoods.

The dam embankment toe would be improved through one of two options: Conventional Earthwork or Cement Deep Soil Mixing (CDSM). The Conventional Earthwork option would require excavating between 100,000 and 140,000 cubic yards of soil and treating soils at the nearby Filter Pond and Park Stockpile sites by mixing and moisture-conditioning then hauling, placing and compacting the treated material back in the excavated area. Under the CDSM option, 60,000 to 80,000 cubic yards of soils would be mixed with cement and water in-place and 24,000 to 32,000 cubic yards of material (soil and solidified mixture of cement and soil) would be hauled and temporarily stockpiled at the nearby Filter Pond and/or Park Stockpile. The 2.5-acre Filter Pond Stockpile is located at the former water treatment filter ponds at the site. The 4-acre Park Stockpile is located at Chabot Park, which is located at the end of Estudillo Avenue in San Leandro, and is leased to and operated by the City of San Leandro. Chabot Park would be closed for the duration of construction under either option. Either or both stockpile locations may be used under either construction option; however, the CDSM option would require smaller stockpile areas than the Conventional Earthwork option. Tree removal would be required at either stockpile location. In addition, the laydown, parking, and trailer areas also may be used for stockpiles.

Two potential haul routes are proposed within the project site. The Upper Haul Route starts at the gate at the east side of the dam crest, make a turnaround loop east of the dam, and follows the West Shore trail to the West Shore trailhead located in Chabot Park. The West Shore Trail is part of Lake Chabot Regional Park, which is leased to and operated by the East Bay Regional Park District. This segment of the West Shore Trail within the limits of work will be closed for the duration of construction. The Lower Haul Route starts at the bottom of the dam and follows an EBMUD maintenance path to Chabot Park

The outlet works would be improved by lining the vertical masonry shaft located behind the tower, moving the valves and controls from the tower to the vertical shaft, relining or installing new outlet pipes from the vertical shaft to the reservoir, and removing the tower and deteriorated pavilion.

Significant Impacts: Analysis of environmental impacts associated with the Chabot Dam Seismic Upgrade Project identified potentially significant impacts in the following areas: Geology and Soils; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Transportation and Traffic; Air Quality; Hydrology and Water Quality; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Aesthetics; Recreation; and Noise and Vibration. Except for Cultural Resources, Air Quality, and Recreation, impacts would be mitigated to less-than-significant levels by implementation of mitigation measures. Except for Air Quality, 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: Persons interested in reviewing the Draft EIR, receiving a copy of the Draft EIR or in reviewing documents referenced in the Draft EIR should contact Bill Maggiore, Senior Civil Engineer, EBMUD, at Chabot.Dam.EIR@ebmud.com. The Draft EIR and all documents referenced in the EIR are available for public review at the EBMUD office located at 375 Eleventh Street in Oakland. The Draft EIR is available for public review at the libraries listed below, or by download at the EBMUD website www.ebmud.com under "Construction Projects and Project Updates".

San Leandro Library	*Castro Valley Library*	*Oakland Main Public Library*
300 Estudillo Avenue	*3600 Norbridge Avenue*	*125 14th Street*
San Leandro, CA 94577	*Castro Valley, CA 94546*	*Oakland, CA 94612*

Public Meetings: A public meeting is scheduled to review the Draft EIR on January 16, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Library located at 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro, CA. Other meetings may be scheduled, if required.

Deadlines: The public review period is from December 6, 2013 through February 4, 2014. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2014. Written comments should be submitted to Bill Maggiore, Senior Civil Engineer, MS #701, 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, California 94607-4240 or e-mailed to Chabot.Dam.EIR@ebmud.com. Action on the Draft EIR is currently scheduled to be taken by the EBMUD Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled board meeting in June 2014, at 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, California.