



# MOKELUMNE AQUEDUCT SYSTEM ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PROJECT FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

## A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Title: Mokelumne Aqueduct System Routine Maintenance Project (Project)
2. Location: The Mokelumne Aqueducts span 82 miles from Pardee Reservoir in the Sierra Foothills through the Central Valley to the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) service area in the East Bay. There are a number of smaller aqueducts conveying raw water to the water treatment plants and terminal reservoirs, which span an additional 18 miles through the East Bay. The Project area includes maintenance sites along the 100-mile aqueduct system alignment and adjacent waters within the 100-foot-wide EBMUD right-of-way.
3. Description:  
EBMUD performs routine maintenance to protect and maintain operability of the Mokelumne Aqueducts. Common activities include vegetation removal, road maintenance, culvert repair, and fence repair. Activities related to streambeds are monitored and permitted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) through various Routine Maintenance Agreements (RMAs), which are renewed every five years. The District uses two RMAs for the Mokelumne Aqueduct System corresponding with the two CDFW regions spanned by the aqueduct alignment. The Project entailed an analysis of EBMUD's maintenance practices along the Mokelumne Aqueduct System and the preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to support the renewal of each RMA.

## B. RECOMMENDATION

The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared and is available at EBMUD's Administration Offices, Room 829, or by download at <https://www.ebmud.com/AqueductRMA/>.

1. Recommended finding:

**The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.**

2. Reasons to support finding:

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study was prepared for the Project. Based on the results of the Initial Study, it was determined that the Project could potentially generate environmental impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. Proposed mitigations will be implemented to ensure that the Project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment. Based on this assessment, an MND has been prepared.

## FINAL MND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

- An MND was prepared for the Project and released for a 31-day public comment period on December 13, 2019. All comments received on the MND have been compiled and responded to in the Final MND including any changes and clarifications to the MND. A copy of the Final MND is available at EBMUD's Administration Offices, Room 829, or by download at <https://www.ebmud.com/AqueductRMA/>.
- The Board of Directors of EBMUD is scheduled to consider adoption of the Final MND and approval of the Project on May 12, 2020 at its regularly scheduled meeting, which begins at 1:15 p.m. in the Board Room at EBMUD Administration Offices, 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA 94607.
- All persons who wish to challenge the finding that the Project will not have significant effect on the environment should appear at the meeting indicated above.

I hereby certify that a copy of the Notice of Intent for the MND was posted on the first floor of the EBMUD Administration Offices on the dates indicated below.

12/13/19 through 1/17/20

Date 4/30/2020

Rosie S. Cole

Secretary of the District



## MAY 12, 2020 EBMUD BOARD MEETING - TELECONFERENCE ONLY

Due to COVID-19 and in accordance with Alameda County Health Order 20-10 (issued April 29, 2020), and with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 which suspends portions of the Brown Act, **the May 12, 2020 meeting will be conducted via teleconference only.** In compliance with said orders, a physical location will not be provided for this meeting.

### **Public Participation**

***Dial 855-369-0450 to participate via telephone;  
Enter participant pin 49-281-364 # when prompted***

To listen to the live audio stream of the public portion of the meeting, *but not provide public comment*, visit <https://www.ebmud.com/about-us/board-directors/board-meetings/>

### **Agenda Availability**

The meeting agenda and related materials will be posted on our website at <https://www.ebmud.com/about-us/board-directors/board-meetings/> at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.