

September 27, 2012

Dear Neighbors:

As you know, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) is planning to replace the current 39th Avenue Reservoir with a smaller tank type reservoir. The 39th Avenue Reservoir is located at 4290 Maybelle Road in the City of Oakland; the property lies between 39th Avenue, Maybelle Avenue and Reinhardt Road.

EBMUD conducted two well attended public meetings, in January and April 2012, to provide information and solicit public input on the project. The public input collected at the meetings along with concurrent environmental studies are part of an Initial Study process pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the results of that Study, EBMUD determined that project-related construction work will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment with proposed mitigation measures to be included in the project. The mitigation measures are summarized in a "Mitigated Negative Declaration" CEQA document.

In accordance with Section 15073 of the State of California's Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, this Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review and comments from September 27, 2012 through October 29, 2012. Written comments on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 29, 2012. Please address comments to East Bay Municipal District, Bill Jeng, Associate Civil Engineer, 375 11th Street, MS #701, Oakland, California 94607 or email 39th.ave.mnd@ebmud.com.

Information about this project will be posted on EBMUD's website <u>www.ebmud.com</u> under the link of 'Construction Projects – PLANNED' entitled 39th Avenue Reservoir Replacement Project. Should you have any questions, please contact Bill Jeng, Project Manager, at (510) 287-1291 or Greg Chan, Senior Community Affairs Officer, at (510) 287-0135. Please send your name and email address to <u>gchan@ebmud.com</u> if would like to receive periodic project updates.

Thank you in advance for your attention and input.

