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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Water Treatment and Transmission Improvements Project Contra Costa County and Alameda County Draft Environmental Impact Report

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 Water Treatment and Transmission Improvements Program (WTTIP) includes new facilities and upgrades to existing facilities in Lafayette, Moraga, Oakland, Orinda, Walnut Creek, and unincorporated Contra Costa County. The facilities include upgrades at five existing water treatment plants, a water aqueduct from Orinda to Lafayette (alternative 2 only), 17 distribution system projects, and a reclaimed water pipeline. Please see the attached Table 1 for the list of proposed facilities and locations. The projects are driven by a variety of overlapping needs including: meeting regulatory standards related to water quality, complying with permit conditions, addressing treated water stability issues, meeting existing and future water demands, improving aging infrastructure and technology, and correcting existing hydraulic/operational constraints. The communities that would benefit from the program differ depending on the need being addressed and the facility being improved. The improvements to reduce microbial pathogens and to control disinfection byproducts are proposed at all the regularly operated water treatment plans, and therefore represent an added health benefit to all EBMUD treated-water customers. Improvements to address existing capacity deficiencies, to meet projected increases in demand, and to address existing hydraulic constraints would benefit customers in the Lamorinda/Walnut Creek area.

Significant Impacts: Analysis of environmental impacts associated with the WTTIP identified potentially significant impacts in the following areas: Visual Quality; Geology, Soils and Seismicity; Hydrology and Water Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Traffic and Circulation; Air Quality; Noise and Vibration; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; and Public Services and Utilities. Most of these impacts would be mitigated to less-than-significant levels by implementation of mitigation measures. There are a handful of impacts that are considered significant and unavoidable. These impacts have been identified for some projects in the areas of Visual Quality, Biological Resources, and Traffic and Circulation. In addition, some of the indirect effects of growth resulting from implementation of the WTTIP as a whole are considered significant and unavoidable. Cumulative impacts are also addressed in the Draft EIR.

Hazardous Waste Disclosure: Section 15087 (c)(6) of the *CEQA Guidelines* requires that this notice specify whether the project sites are on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code. The following project elements are located at or near sites on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List: Orinda Water Treatment Plant, Upper San Leandro Water Treatment Plant, Orinda-Lafayette Aqueduct, Fay Hill Pumping Plant and Pipeline Improvements, Glen Pipeline Improvements, Happy Valley Pumping Plant and Pipeline Improvements, Leland Isolation Pipeline and Bypass Valve, Moraga Road Pipeline, Tice Pumping Plant and Pipeline, and Withers Pumping Plant.

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 *Judy Zavadil, Senior Project Manager*,

EBMUD, at WTTIP@ebmud.com. The Draft EIR and all documents referenced in the EIR are available for public review at EBMUD office located at 375 Eleventh Street in Oakland. The Draft EIR is available for public review at the libraries listed below or by downloading at the EBMUD website **www.ebmud.com**.

Contra Costa Co. Library
1750 Oak Park Blvd.
Pleasant Hill

Eastmont Branch Library
7200 Bancroft Avenue
Ste. 211, Oakland

El Sobrante Library
4191 Appian Way
El Sobrante

Lafayette Public Library
952 Moraga Road
Lafayette

Moraga Public Library
1500 Saint Mary's Road
Moraga

Orinda Library
24 Orinda Way
Orinda

Walnut Creek Pub. Library
1644 N. Broadway
Walnut Creek

Public meetings: Six public meetings have been scheduled to review the Draft EIR. The meeting dates and locations are:

Tuesday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.
Orinda Community Center
26 Orinda Way
Orinda

Monday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Int. School
1010 Camino Pablo
Moraga

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.
Lafayette Community Center
500 Saint Mary's Road
Lafayette

Thursday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.
Heather Farm
1540 Marchbanks Drive
Walnut Creek

Monday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.
El Sobrante Veterans Hall
5161 Sobrante Way
El Sobrante

Thursday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.
Mills College
5000 MacArthur Blvd., Rm. 135
Oakland

Deadlines: The public review period is from June 23, 2006 through August 25, 2006. Comments must be received by August 25, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. Written comments should be submitted to *Judy Zavadil, Senior Project Manager, MS #701, 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland California 94607-4240* or emailed at WTTIP@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 fall 2006, at 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, California.

**TABLE 1
WATER TREATMENT AND TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
PROPOSED FACILITY LOCATIONS**

Facility	Location of Project	Address or Nearest Intersection	EIR Analysis	
			Project Level	Program Level
Lafayette Water Treatment Plant (WTP) ^a	Lafayette	3848 Mt. Diablo Boulevard	✓	✓
Orinda WTP ^a	Orinda	190 Camino Pablo	✓	✓
Walnut Creek WTP ^a	Walnut Creek	2201 Larkey Lane	✓	✓
Sobrante WTP ^a	Contra Costa County	5500 Amend Road	✓	
Upper San Leandro WTP ^a	Oakland	7700 Greenly Drive	✓	
Orinda-Lafayette Tunnel/Pipeline	Orinda/Lafayette	Tunnel from sports fields near Orinda WTP to intersection of East Altarinda Drive and Saint Stephens Drive. Pipeline: along El Nido Ranch Road from Saint Stephens Drive to Mt. Diablo Boulevard, along Mt. Diablo Boulevard from El Nido Ranch Road to 3848 Mt. Diablo Boulevard	✓	
Ardith Reservoir and Donald Pumping Plant ^a	Orinda	At existing Donald Pumping Plant near Ardith Drive and Westover Court	✓	
Fay Hill Pumping Plant and Pipeline Improvements ^a	Moraga	Pumping Plant: southwest corner of intersection of Rheem Boulevard and Moraga Road. Pipeline: Rheem Boulevard west of Chalda Way	✓	
Fay Hill Reservoir ^a	Moraga	At existing Fay Hill Reservoir site off of Fay Hill Road near Rheem Boulevard	✓	
Glen Pipeline Improvements	Lafayette	Nordstrom Lane from Hilltop Drive to Glen Road, Glen Road from Nordstrom Lane to Monticello Road	✓	
Glen Reservoir Decommission ^a	Lafayette	Monticello Road north of Presher Way	✓	
Happy Valley Pumping Plant and Pipeline	Orinda	Pumping Plant: On Lombardy Lane near Van Ripper Lane. Pipeline: from pumping plant southwest on Lombardy Lane to Miner Road, then southwest on Miner Road to Oak Arbor Road	✓	
Highland Reservoir and Pipeline	Lafayette	Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area. Pipeline: from reservoir to Mt. Diablo Boulevard	✓	
Leland Pressure Zone Isolation Bypass Valve	Walnut Creek	Danville Boulevard near Rudgear Road	✓	
Leland Isolation Pipeline	Walnut Creek	Lacassie Drive from North California Street to North Main Street	✓	
Moraga Reservoir ^a	Moraga	At existing Moraga Reservoir near Draeger Drive and Claudia Court	✓	

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Moraga Road Pipeline	Lafayette/Moraga	Eastern edge of Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area, Moraga Road from Nemea Court / Madrone Drive to Draeger Drive	✓	
Sunnyside Pumping Plant and Pipeline	Orinda and Lafayette	Pumping Plant: Happy Valley Road near Sundown Terrace. Pipeline: pumping plant to Happy Valley Road	✓	
Tice Pumping Plant and Pipeline	Contra Costa County	Pumping Plant: near Tice Valley Boulevard and Olympic Boulevard. Pipeline: from pumping plant across Olympic Boulevard, north on Boulevard Way to Warren Road	✓	
Withers Pumping Plant	Contra Costa County	At Grayson Reservoir near Reliez Valley Road and Silver Hill Way	✓	
New Leland Pressure Zone Reservoir and Pipeline	Walnut Creek	Reservoir: Caltrans property adjacent to Interstate 680 (I-680). Pipeline: from reservoir northwest to Danville Boulevard near Rudgear Road		✓
Leland Reservoir Replacement ^a	Lafayette	Opposite 1050 Leland Drive		✓
San Pablo Pipeline	Orinda / Contra Costa County / Richmond	Tentative location: Orinda WTP east to Old San Pablo Dam Road to San Pablo Tunnel; through tunnel to San Pablo WTP		✓
Saint Mary's Road / Rohrer Drive Pipeline	Moraga / Lafayette / Walnut Creek	Tentative location: Moraga Road south from Draeger Drive to Saint Mary's Road, northeast on Saint Mary's Road to Rohrer Drive.		✓

^a Existing EBMUD facility.