



**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
LELAND RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

August 31, 2016

TO: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

FROM: East Bay Municipal Utility District
375 Eleventh Street, MS 701
Oakland, CA 94607-4240

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Leland Reservoir Replacement Project

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Leland Reservoir Replacement Project.

AGENCIES: EBMUD requests your input regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: EBMUD requests comments and concerns from organizations and interested parties regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: Leland Reservoir Replacement Project

PROJECT LOCATION: Leland Reservoir is located on a 14.5-acre site opposite 1050 Leland Drive in the City of Lafayette. The site is south of State Route 24 and east of Pleasant Hill Road (see Figure 1).

PROJECT PURPOSE: The Leland Reservoir Replacement Project will replace the existing open-cut reservoir (60 years old), which is under the California Division of Safety of Dams' (DSOD) jurisdiction, with new on-site facilities to ensure long-term reliability and redundancy of the water distribution system, meet existing and future water needs, facilitate repair and replacement of aging infrastructure, and maintain water quality by downsizing the reservoir and replacing it with optimal storage based on projected future demands. The project will remove the dam embankments from DSOD's jurisdiction.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes replacement of the existing 18-million-gallon (MG) open-cut Leland Reservoir with two new 8-MG prestressed concrete tanks within the existing reservoir basin. The project also includes replacing approximately 1,700 linear feet of existing 36-inch transmission pipeline that currently runs beneath the reservoir with approximately 2,700 linear feet of pipeline to be constructed in Windsor Drive, Condit Road and a short section of Leland Drive between Condit Road and Meek Place, and approximately 950 feet of pipeline within the Leland Reservoir site. The current access road from Leland Reservoir up to and around the reservoir perimeter will be retained and improved. Figure 2 shows the reservoir site and proposed pipelines. Construction would involve demolition of the existing reservoir structure, removing vegetation and breaching the embankment to provide access into the existing reservoir basin, constructing two new tanks within the basin, and restoring and landscaping the site following construction. Construction would require stockpiling of soil from the embankment on the eastern portion of the site adjacent to Leland Drive.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Based on the Initial Study completed for the project, the following areas of potentially significant environmental impact will be analyzed in the Draft EIR: Aesthetics, Air Quality/Climate Change, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Noise, Recreation, and Transportation/Traffic. Potential cumulative impacts and potential for growth inducement will be addressed; alternatives, including the No Project Alternative, will be evaluated.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: This NOP is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b) for 30 days. The comment period for the NOP begins August 31, 2016 and ends on September 30, 2016. Due to the limits mandated by State Law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

SCOPING MEETING: EBMUD will hold a scoping meeting on September 15, 2016, starting at 6:30 pm, at The Meher School, located at 999 Leland Drive in Lafayette. You are welcome to attend and present environmental information that you believe should be addressed in the EIR.

RESPONSES AND QUESTIONS: Responses to, or questions regarding, this NOP should be directed to:

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CEQA PROCESS: The Draft EIR is planned for publication in spring 2017, with action by EBMUD's Board of Directors expected in fall 2017. Notice will be given of public meetings, including a meeting that will be held during the Draft EIR comment period. At the end of the review and comment process, EBMUD's Board of Directors will determine whether to certify the EIR and approve the Leland Reservoir Replacement Project. The NOP and all CEQA-related documents for this project will be available for review on the EBMUD website at:

<https://www.ebmud.com/about-us/construction-my-neighborhood/leland-reservoir-and-pipeline-replacement/>



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Date

Figure 1: Project Location

Leland Reservoir Replacement Project

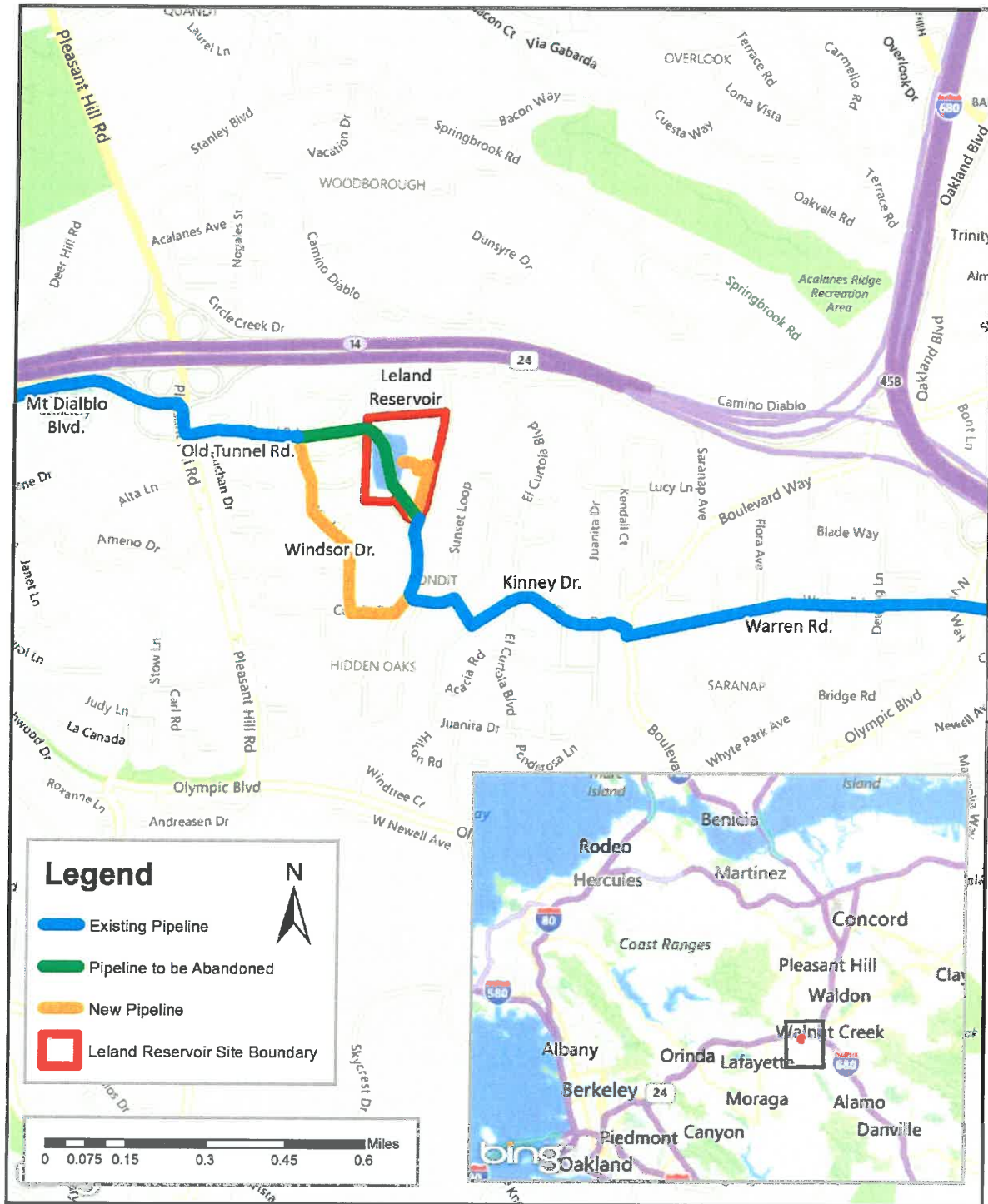


Figure 2: Location of Facilities

Leland Reservoir Replacement Project

