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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Mokelumne Aqueduct System Routine Maintenance Project

Project Title: Mokelumne Aqueduct System Routine Maintenance Project

Lead Agency: East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)

Project Location: The Mokelumne Aqueducts originate at EBMUD's Pardee Reservoir in the Sierra Foothills and extends from the West Portal in Campo Seco for 82 miles through the Central Valley, along the Calaveras River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, to the East Portal facility in the EBMUD service area in the East Bay.

Project Description: The Project involves the routine maintenance of aqueduct system facilities at access road and aqueduct stream crossing locations. Access roads are critical to repairs, maintenance, and operations of the aqueducts and maintenance activities provide for safe travel on the access roads at stream crossings, while ensuring adequate drainage for ditches, swales and other watercourses.

Project Objective: The Project's objective is to maintain the functional and structural integrity of EBMUD-owned aqueduct system facilities.

Schedule: Key milestones for project implementation are summarized as follows:

- Complete Environmental Review December 2019
Begin Maintenance Work February 2020

Environmental Determination: 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 project-related maintenance work could potentially generate environmental impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire.

Environmental Mitigation: All impacts will be reduced to Less than Significant levels by implementation of mitigation measures.

Public Comment/Review: The Initial Study /Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at:

- East Bay Municipal Utility District, 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA 94607
EBMUD website (www.ebmud.com/AqueductRMA)

In accordance with Section 15073 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, this Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review from December 13, 2019 through January 13, 2020. Written comments on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than 4:30 pm on January 13, 2020.

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Date

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