



October 14, 2021

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Fontaine Pumping Plant Replacement Project**

Project Title: Fontaine Pumping Plant Replacement Project (Project)

Lead Agency: East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)

Project Location: 8445 Ney Avenue and 9601 MacArthur Boulevard, City of Oakland

Project Description: EBMUD's existing 20 million gallon per day (mgd) Fontaine Pumping Plant (PP), located at 8445 Ney Avenue, Oakland, would be replaced with a new 20 mgd PP on EBMUD-owned property at 9601 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland. A new rate control station (RCS) will be constructed at the new Fontaine PP site and approximately 4,750 feet of new 30-inch suction and discharge pipelines would be constructed to connect the new Fontaine PP and RCS to the distribution system. Upon construction completion and successful testing of the new PP, pipelines and RCS, the existing PP would be demolished and approximately 2,100 feet of existing buried pipelines would be abandoned in place.

Project Objective: The Project is designed to replace aging infrastructure and improve water service reliability by relocating the existing PP outside of an active fault and landslide area and constructing a new RCS which can deliver water to other parts of the distribution system during planned and unplanned facility and pipeline outages.

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 construction work could potentially generate environmental impacts to aesthetics and transportation. Long-term PP, pipeline and RCS operation would not generate significant impacts. Proposed mitigations would be implemented into the Project to ensure that the Project would not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment. Based on this assessment, a "Mitigated Negative Declaration" has been prepared.

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

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

- East Bay Municipal Utility District, 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA 94607 (by appointment)
- EBMUD website (www.ebmud.com/FontainePP)
- City of Oakland Public Library, 125 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Public Meeting: A virtual Zoom public meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Zoom information will be available 72 hours before meeting on the Project website (www.ebmud.com/FontainePP).

Deadlines: In accordance with Section 15073 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, this Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review from October 14, 2021 through November 15, 2021. Written comments on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 15, 2021. Please address comments to East Bay Municipal Utility District, Daniel Jones, Associate Civil Engineer, 375 11th Street, M/S 701, Oakland, California 94607, or email to FontainePP@ebmud.com. Action on this Mitigated Negative Declaration is currently scheduled to be taken by the EBMUD Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board meeting in May 2022 at 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA.

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