



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

Project Title: Wildcat Pumping Plant Project (Project)

Lead Agency: East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)

Project Location: Road 20 and El Portal Drive, City of San Pablo

Project Description: A new 25 million gallon per day (mgd) Wildcat Pumping Plant (PP) will be constructed on EBMUD property at the intersection of Road 20 and El Portal Drive to replace the existing Road 20 Portable PP, which is located on the same site alongside EBMUD’s Road 20 Rate Control Station (RCS). The Project also includes approximately 725 feet of new storm drain pipeline to connect the site runoff to the City of San Pablo’s existing storm drain system, and two below-ground air valves for surge protection. Upon construction completion and successful testing of the new PP, the existing Road 20 Portable PP will be removed from the site.

Project Objective: The Project will improve water service reliability to major portions of EBMUD’s service area serving customers from Oakland to Crockett, be utilized for planned and unplanned outages of major water facilities (e.g., outages of EBMUD’s Orinda Water Treatment Plant and Claremont Tunnel), and transport water during a seismic emergency, as well as in the event of a drought.

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 cultural resources, transportation, and tribal cultural resources. Long-term PP operation would not generate significant impacts. Proposed mitigations would be incorporated into the Project and implemented 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 of the proposed Project would be reduced to Less than Significant levels by incorporation of 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/WildcatPP)
- City of San Pablo Public Library, 13751 San Pablo Ave, San Pablo, CA 94806

Public Meeting: A virtual Zoom public meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2023 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/WildcatPP).

Deadlines: In accordance with Section 15073 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, this Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review from January 12, 2023 through February 14, 2023. Written comments on this Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 14, 2023. Please address comments to East Bay Municipal Utility District, Anna Lau, Associate Civil Engineer, 375 11th Street, M/S 701, Oakland, California 94607, or email to WildcatPP@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 June 2023 at 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA.

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