



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Miller Road Trench Soil Management Project**

Project Title: Miller Road Trench Soil Management Project (Project)

Lead Agency and Project Applicant/Proponent: East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), 510-287-1264
375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA, 94607-4240

Project Location: EBMUD-owned watershed land off of Miller Road in Alameda County approximately 2 miles east of Oakland and 2.5 miles north of Castro Valley

Project Description: The Miller Road stockpile site has been operated to store excavated material generated by EBMUD pipeline construction and maintenance activities (i.e., trench soil) since 1975 and supports EBMUD's efforts to proactively replace and rehabilitate critical water system infrastructure. The Project involves the continued operation of the Miller Road stockpile site, including import, temporary storage, and periodic removal of trench soil. The Project also includes continued operation of the rock and sand stockpile site located approximately 1 mile south of the Miller Road soil stockpile site on EBMUD-owned property within the Project site. Materials from the rock and sand stockpile site are used to backfill trenches from the pipeline construction and maintenance activities. Continued operation of the rock and sand stockpile site includes import, temporary storage, and removal of these backfill materials. The Project includes a gradual increase in the volume of trench soil stockpiled at the Miller Road site, routine removal of stockpiled trench soil (off-haul events) every 5 years, or more frequent if opportunities for beneficial reuse of the trench soil arise, and an increase in the import and off-haul of backfill materials to and from the rock and sand stockpile site.

Project Objective: Annual EBMUD pipeline replacement is estimated to increase from 20 to 25 miles per year to approximately 30 miles per year by 2030 to rehabilitate and replace critical water system infrastructure and increase both system reliability and operating efficiency. EBMUD will need to increase the stockpiling and storage of materials to support this increase in pipeline replacement.

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 work could potentially generate environmental impacts to transportation and wildfire. Continued operation of EBMUD's Miller Road stockpile site and rock and sand stockpile site will not generate significant impacts. Proposed mitigations will be implemented into the Project to ensure that the Project will 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 will be reduced to Less than Significant levels by implementation of proposed mitigation measures, standard operating procedures, and complying with the existing environmental regulations.

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

- East Bay Municipal Utility District, 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA 94607
- EBMUD website (www.ebmud.com/MillerRoad)
- Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546

In accordance with Section 15073 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, this Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review from March 20, 2025 through April 21, 2025. Written comments on this Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 21, 2025. Please address comments to East Bay Municipal Utility District, Gus Cicala, Senior Civil Engineer, 375 11th Street, M/S 704, Oakland, California 94607, or email to miller.road@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 August 2025 at 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA.

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Date

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