



# DUFFEL PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

## A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Title: Duffel Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Project (Project)
2. Location: 518 Bear Creek Rd, City of Orinda and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Watershed Lands, Contra Costa County
3. Description:  
Construction of a 5-megawatt photovoltaic (PV) solar project on EBMUD watershed land located at 518 Bear Creek Road, Orinda, which qualifies for the Pacific Gas and Electric Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer tariff. The PV solar project would assist EBMUD in meeting its goals for increasing the cost-effective use of renewable energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## B. RECOMMENDATION

The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared and is available at EBMUD's Administrative Offices, Room 829, or by download at <https://www.ebmud.com/DuffelPV>.

1. Recommended finding:  
The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Reasons to support finding:  
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 the Project could potentially generate environmental impacts to agricultural and forestry, biological resources and land use and planning. Proposed mitigations will be implemented to ensure that the Project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment. Based on this assessment, an MND has been prepared.

## FINAL MND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

- An MND was prepared for the Project and released for a 31-day public comment period on August 30, 2019. All comments received on the MND have been compiled and responded to in the Final MND including any changes and clarifications to the MND. A copy of the Final MND is available at EBMUD's Administrative Offices, Room 829, or by download at <https://www.ebmud.com/DuffelPV>.
- The Board of Directors of EBMUD is scheduled to consider adoption of the Final MND and approval of the Project on February 11, 2020 at its regularly scheduled meeting, which begins at 1:15 p.m. in the Board Room at EBMUD Administration Offices, 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA 94607.
- All persons who wish to challenge the finding that the Project will not have significant effect on the environment should appear at the meeting indicated above.

I hereby certify that a copy of the Notice of Intent for the MND was posted on the first floor of the EBMUD Administration Offices on the dates indicated below.

Date 1/30/20

8/30/19 through 9/30/19

Secretary of the District

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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