

## MOKELUMNE WATERSHED ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PROJECT FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

## A. PROJECT INFORMATION

- 1. Title: Mokelumne Watershed Routine Maintenance Project (Project)
- 2. Location: EBMUD's Mokelumne Watershed (Watershed) property borders and includes Camanche and Pardee dams and reservoirs, extending from less than 50 feet to about 3 miles from the high-water surface elevation of Camanche and Pardee reservoirs. It also includes the lands adjacent to the lower Mokelumne River for approximately one-half mile below Camanche Dam. Watershed property falls within Amador, Calaveras, and San Joaquin counties.
- 3. Description:

The Project involves continued routine maintenance activities in the Watershed such as sediment and debris removal; vegetation management; facilities maintenance; erosion prevention, control, repair, and protection; and environmental stewardship. EBMUD seeks a new Lake and Streambed Alteration Routine Maintenance Agreement for the continuation of routine maintenance activities critical to Watershed operations in CDFW jurisdictional areas, which first requires environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

## **B. RECOMMENDATION**

The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared and is available at EBMUD's Administrative Office, 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA 94607; or by download at <u>https://www.ebmud.com/</u><u>MokelumneWatershedRMA</u>.

1. Recommended finding:

The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

2. Reasons to support finding:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, 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 air quality, biological and cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. 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 AVAILBILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

- An MND was prepared for the Project and released for a 30-day public comment period on August 11, 2021. All comments received on the MND have been compiled and responded to in the Final MND including all changes and clarifications. A copy of the Final MND is available at EBMUD's Administrative Office, Room 829, or by download at <u>https://www.ebmud.com/</u> <u>MokelumneWatershedRMA</u>.
- The EBMUD Board of Directors is scheduled to consider adoption of the Final MND and approval of the Project on November 23, 2021 at its regularly scheduled meeting, which begins at 1:15 p.m. via webinar and teleconference (**subject to change**). The latest meeting access information can be found at <a href="https://www.ebmud.com/about-us/board-directors/board-meetings/">https://www.ebmud.com/about-us/board-directors/board-meetings/</a>.
- All persons who wish to challenge the finding that the Project will not have significant effect on the environment should attend 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 <u>10/27/2021</u>

Secretary of the District

08/11/2021 through 09/10/2021