

FONTAINE PUMPING PLANT REPLACEMENT PROJECT FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

- 1. Title: Fontaine Pumping Plant Replacement Project (Project)
- 2. Location: 8445 Ney Avenue and 9601 MacArthur Boulevard, City of Oakland, Alameda County
- 3. 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) would 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.

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/FontainePP.

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 aesthetics and transportation. 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 minimum 30-day public comment period on October 14, 2021. No comments were received on 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/FontainePP.
- The Board of Directors of EBMUD is scheduled to consider adoption of the Final MND and approval of the Project on February 22, 2022 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. Board meetings may be conducted via teleconference, videoconference, or both. Links to view and participate in the Board meeting are available at https://www.ebmud.com/index.php/about-us/board-directors/board-meetings
- All persons who wish to challenge the finding that the Project will not have significant effect on the environment should participate 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.

10/14/21 through 11/15/21

Date: <u>2/10/2022</u>

Secretary of the District