



April 1, 2021

Notice of Availability and Public Hearing Final Environmental Impact Report Central Reservoir Replacement Project

The Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) is scheduled to consider certification of the Central Reservoir Replacement Project (Project) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approval of the Project, on April 13 2021 at the regularly scheduled meeting which begins at 1:15 p.m. Due to COVID-19 and in accordance with Alameda County Health Orders, and with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued March 17, 2020, which suspends portions of the Brown Act, Board meetings will 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/>.

Central Reservoir, a 154-million gallon (MG) open-cut reservoir constructed in 1910, is located on a 27-acre site in the City of Oakland (City) and bounded by 23rd Avenue to the west, Sheffield Avenue to the east, 25th Avenue/East 29th Street to the south, and Interstate 580 to the north. Central Reservoir is at the end of its useful life and is located at an elevation too low relative to the customers it serves and other reservoirs in the Central Pressure Zone, creating unusable storage. In addition, Central Reservoir requires removal and disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls in the reservoir's interior coating, has a roof that does not meet current seismic codes, has a failing panel craft liner with potential leakage in the upper areas resulting in reduced operating levels, and has water quality operational challenges as the existing reservoir is about three times larger than required.

The Project includes replacement of the existing open-cut reservoir with three new 17-MG concrete tanks approximately 20 feet higher than the current reservoir within the existing reservoir basin, removal of vegetation, and demolition of the existing reservoir, roof, lining, and material storage building, followed by removal of a portion of the reservoir's main embankment, construction of a reinforced tank foundation system, new rate control station, valve structure, service road and site paving, bioretention area, and security fencing all within the existing reservoir property. The Project site design incorporates existing landscaping, a mix of earthen berms, trees, and shrubs to screen the tanks and emphasize the natural setting at the perimeter of the site while balancing earthwork. The Project includes an option to lease a strip of property and authorize Redwood Day School to construct a private driveway along the north end of the existing reservoir property.

A Draft EIR was prepared for the Project and released for a 60-day public review on November 15, 2019. All comments received on the Draft EIR have been compiled and responded to in the Final EIR including any changes and clarifications to the Draft EIR. Copies of the Final EIR are available for public review by appointment at the EBMUD Administration Offices located at 375 Eleventh Street in Oakland or by download at <https://www.ebmud.com/central>.

Persons interested in receiving a copy of the Final EIR or reviewing documents referenced in the EIR should contact Aaron Hope at centralreservoir@ebmud.com.