



# North Bay Water Reuse Authority

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## Notice of Availability

### North Bay Water Recycling Program

(also known as the North San Pablo Restoration and Reuse Project)

The North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA) has prepared a joint Final Environmental Impact Report/Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) for their proposed North Bay Water Recycling Program or NBWRP (also known as North San Pablo Restoration and Reuse Project). As contract administrator for the NBWRA, the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) is acting as the Lead Agency under CEQA and the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation is acting as the federal Lead Agency under NEPA. The Final EIR/EIS incorporates changes resulting from comments submitted during the Draft EIR/EIS comment period (May 5, 2009 through June 26, 2009) as well as staff-initiated text changes.

**The Project:** NBWRP is proposed to promote the expanded beneficial use of recycled water in the North Bay region to:

- Offset urban and agricultural demands on potable supplies;
- Enhance local and regional ecosystems;
- Improve local and regional water supply reliability;
- Maintain and protect public health and safety;
- Promote sustainable practices;
- Give top priority to local needs for recycled water; and
- Implement recycled water facilities in an economically viable manner.

The Draft EIR/EIS considered three alternatives as well as the No Action Alternative. The alternatives represent a range of recycled water reuse and regional facility integration, and include: **Alternative 1, Basic System**, which includes use of recycled water near each of the individual wastewater treatment plants (WWTP); **Alternative 2, Partially Connected System**, which adds pipelines, pump stations and storage to partially connect the existing WWTPs; and **Alternative 3, Fully Connected System**, which provides a fully integrated and regional recycled water distribution system connecting all four Member Agency WWTPs. Under each alternative treatment and storage capacity would be constructed at existing WWTPs and distribution facilities (pump stations and pipelines) would be constructed within or along public roadways within Marin, Sonoma, and Napa Counties.

**Contents of the Final EIR/EIS:** The Draft EIR/EIS, together with the Response to Comments, constitutes the Final EIR/EIS for the proposed NBWRP. The Final EIR/EIS consists of four chapters. Chapter 1 is the

Introduction, describing the purpose of the Final EIR and listing agencies, organizations, and individuals that submitted comments on the Draft EIR/EIS. Chapter 2 includes Master Responses that present a broad and comprehensive discussion of the key items of interest to the commenters. Chapter 3 presents the individual comment letters received on the Draft EIR/EIS and provides responses to all the comments. Chapter 4 presents the text changes made to the Draft EIR/EIS. Inserted text is underlined and deleted text is shown in ~~strikeout~~. Chapter 5 provides the list of the EIR/EIS preparers. Appendix A includes the list of entities that received and who commented on the Draft EIR/EIS.

**Document Availability:** The Final EIR/EIS is available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

**Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District**  
300 Smith Ranch Road  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**Novato Sanitary District**  
500 Davidson Street  
Novato, California 94945

**Napa Sanitation District**  
935 Hartle Court  
Napa, CA 94559

**Sonoma County Water Agency**  
404 Aviation Boulevard  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Sonoma Valley Regional Library**  
755 West Napa St  
Sonoma, CA 95476

**Napa City-County Library**  
580 Coombs Street  
Napa, CA 94559

**Sonoma County Central Library**  
211 E Street  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

**Marin County- Novato Branch Library**  
1720 Novato Blvd  
Novato, CA 94947

**Marin County- Central Branch Library**  
3501 Civic Center Drive #427  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Persons interested in reviewing documents referenced in the EIR or receiving copies of the Draft EIR/EIS with a fee or are invited to contact: **Marc Bautista, Sonoma County Water Agency, 707-547-1923.**

Pursuant to Section 15088 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Final EIR/EIS is being made available to the commenters for a minimum 10-day period prior to its consideration by the CEQA Lead Agency for certification. Following consideration of CEQA certification by SCWA, each Member Agency will consider approval of the Phase 1 Implementation Plan under Alternative 1. Each Member Agency will consider approval of the projects identified under the Phase 1 Implementation Plan that are within its jurisdiction.

SCWA is scheduled to consider certification of the EIR/EIS in compliance with CEQA as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on **December 8, 2009**. Member Agencies will consider approval of Phase 1 projects under their jurisdictions as part of their regularly scheduled Board Meetings during the month of December as follows: Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District (December 10), Novato Sanitary District (December 14), Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (December 15), North Marin Water District (December 15), Napa County (December 15), and Napa Sanitation District (December 16).

The Bureau of Reclamation will continue its NEPA project approval process and it is anticipated that a separate Notice of Availability for the Final EIS establishing a 30-day public comment period will be circulated in early 2010.