



## **NORTH BAY WATER REUSE PROGRAM** *Water Supply Reliability through Regional Reuse*

### **Notice of Availability** **Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement** **North Bay Water Reuse Program – Phase 2**

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 – Phase 2 or NBWRP Phase 2. 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 (April 4, 2018 through May 18, 2018), as well as staff-initiated text changes.

**The Project:** NBWRP Phase 2 is proposed to promote the expanded beneficial use of recycled water in the North Bay region to:

- Improve local, regional, and State water supply reliability;
- Offset demands on potable water supplies;
- Support the sustainable management of groundwater basins;
- Enhance local and regional ecosystems;
- Maintain and protect public health and safety;
- Promote sustainable practices; and,
- Implement recycled water facilities in an economically viable manner.

The Draft EIR/EIS considered two Action Alternatives, as well as the No Action and No Project Alternatives. The Action Alternatives consist of treatment, distribution, and storage facilities necessary to meet a range of recycled water demand scenarios within the NBWRA service area through 2025. Each Action Alternative considered varying levels of recycled water use and storage. Under each Action Alternative, treatment and storage capacity would be constructed at or near existing wastewater treatment plants or distribution facilities, with any proposed distribution facilities (i.e., pump stations, pipelines) 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 Phase 2. 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 presents the responses to all the comments provided in the individual comment letters received on the Draft EIR/EIS. Chapter 3 presents the text changes made to the

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Draft EIR/EIS. Inserted text is underlined and deleted text is shown in ~~strikeout~~. Chapter 4 provides the list of the Final EIR/EIS preparers. Appendix COM includes the individual letters received on the Draft EIR/EIS coded to correspond with the responses provided in Chapter 2. Appendix DIST includes the Draft EIR/EIS distribution lists. Appendix PH presents the certified transcripts of each of the four public hearings conducted during the Draft EIR/EIS review period.

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

**American Canyon Library**  
300 Crawford Way  
American Canyon, CA 94503

**Marin County – Central Library**  
3501 Civic Center Drive #414  
San Rafael, CA 94903

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

**Novato Public Library**  
1720 Novato Blvd  
Novato, CA 94947

**Petaluma Regional Library**  
100 Fairgrounds Drive  
Petaluma, CA 94559

**San Rafael Public Library**  
1100 E Street  
San Rafael, CA 94901

**San Rafael Pickleweed Branch Library**  
50 Canal Street  
San Rafael, CA 94901

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

**South Novato Public Library**  
931 C Street  
Novato, CA 94949

**Sonoma County Water Agency**  
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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: **Anne Crealock, Sonoma County Water Agency, 707-547-1948.**

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. This review period will be from August 3 – 13, 2018. Following consideration of CEQA certification by SCWA, each Member Agency will consider approval of NBWRP Phase 2 under Proposed Action. Each Member Agency will consider approval of the projects identified under NBWRP Phase 2 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 **August 14, 2018**. Member Agencies will consider approval of NBWRP Phase 2 projects under their respective jurisdictions as part of their regularly scheduled Board Meetings through September. Consult with each Member Agency as to their meeting schedule.

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 the fall of 2018.

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