

Notice of Preparation Availability

The North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA) is a cooperative program in the San Pablo Bay region that supports sustainability and environmental enhancement by expanding the use of recycled water. The NBWRA is proposing Phase 2 the North Bay Water Recycling Program to continue increasing the beneficial use of recycled water. Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) will act as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, will be the federal Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Consistent with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared describing the proposed project and identifies issue areas to be examined in the EIR/EIS. Agencies and interested members of the public are invited to provide input on the scope of the environmental analysis. In keeping with Water Agency's Sustainability Program, the NOP is available to the public on the web page identified below. Printed copies of the NOP are available at each of the member agency offices or are available upon request by emailing Phase2EIR@nbwra.org. Public Scoping Meetings will be held in American Canyon, Petaluma, San Rafael, and Sonoma.

The projects proposed in the Phase 2 Program would continue to build upon commitments to long-term inter-agency cooperation to address common needs related to reliable water supplies and enhanced environmental restoration. These projects would include construction and operation of treatment capacity improvements, distribution facilities, and storage facilities (seasonal and operational) to provide recycled water environmental, agricultural, and municipal reuse in the North San Pablo Bay region, which encompasses approximately 318 square miles in Marin, Sonoma and Napa counties. Pipeline and pumping facilities would be installed within or along existing roadways. Treatment and storage facilities would be located at or near existing wastewater treatment plants. This recycled water would be used in a manner consistent with the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, pertaining to the use of tertiary-treated recycled water.

A series of four scoping meetings will be held within the collective NBWRA service area during the NOP review period. (The same content will be presented at each meeting.) The scoping meetings will be held on the following dates:

August 2, 2017 (Wednesday)
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
San Rafael Community Center Auditorium
618 B Street, San Rafael

August 3, 2017 (Thursday)
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
American Canyon City Hall (Council Chambers)
4381 Broadway, Suite 201, American Canyon

August 9, 2017 (Wednesday)
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Petaluma Community Center, Meeting Room A-D
320 North McDowell Boulevard, Petaluma

August 10, 2017 (Thursday)
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Sonoma Community Center, Room 110
276 East Napa Street, Sonoma

If you have a disability, which requires an accommodation, an alternative format, or requires another person to assist you while attending these meetings or reviewing associated materials, please contact the Water Agency at 707-524-8378, as soon as possible to ensure arrangements for accommodation.

The public comment period will close at 5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2017. Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time.

Please include a name, address, and telephone number of a contact person in your agency for all future correspondence on this subject. Please send your comments to:

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