

## **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT for the North Bay Water Recycling Program**

This Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) has been prepared by the North Bay Water Reuse Authority's Member Agencies and the Bureau of Reclamation in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the North San Pablo Bay Restoration and Reuse Project or the North Bay Water Recycling Program (NBWRP). Napa County and North Marin Water District are additional agencies supporting the NBWRA through contribution of funds and staff time.

NBWRA is exploring "the feasibility of coordinating interagency efforts to expand the beneficial use of recycled water in the North Bay Region thereby promoting the conservation of limited surface water and groundwater resources." This Draft EIR/EIS describes and evaluates the potential environmental, social and economic effects of the North Bay Water Recycling Program (or North San Pablo Bay Restoration and Reuse Project). The NBWRP would provide increased recycled water supply to urban, agricultural and environmental uses in the North San Pablo Bay region.

The Draft EIR/EIS considers three action alternatives and the No Project and No Action Alternatives. Each of the action alternatives are intended to meet the purpose, objectives, and need identified by the NBWRA.

- **No Action Alternative**, provides a "future without the project" scenario as a NEPA baseline to compare the impacts of the proposed Action Alternatives.
- **Alternative 1, Basic System**, which includes use of recycled water near each of the individual wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs);
- **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.

This Draft EIR/EIS analyzes the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the project on the following resources: hydrology and drainage, water quality, terrestrial and aquatic resources, earth resources, biological resources, land use, agriculture, transportation and circulation, air quality, noise, utilities and public service systems, hazardous materials and public health, visual/aesthetic resources, recreation, cultural and paleontological resources, socioeconomic effects, environmental justice, Indian Trust Assets, growth-inducing effects, and climate change.

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