

Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement North Bay Water Reuse Program — Phase 2

The North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA) has prepared a joint Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) to assess potential environmental effects of their proposed North Bay Water Reuse Program Phase 2, or NBWRP Phase 2. As contract administrator for the NBWRA, the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) will act as Lead Agency under CEQA and the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation will be the federal Lead Agency under NEPA. The 45-day review period begins on **April 4, 2018** and extends to **May 18, 2018**. Written comments on the Draft EIR/EIS may be submitted to:

Sonoma County Water Agency Attn: Anne Crealock 404 Aviation Boulevard Santa Rosa, CA 95403

You may also submit your comments electronically at the following website, www.nbwra.org or Phase2EIR@nbwra.org.

The Project: 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 for 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.

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The Draft EIR/EIS will consider two alternatives, as well as the No Action and No Project Alternatives. The Action Alternatives consist of treatment, transmission, and storage facilities necessary to meet a range of recycled water demand scenarios within the NBWRA service area through 2025. Each Action Alternative considers varying levels of recycled water use and corresponding levels of regional facility integration.

Environmental Analysis: Analysis of environmental impacts associated with the NBWRP Phase 2 alternatives identified potentially significant impacts, primarily temporary impacts resulting from construction activities, in the following areas: aesthetics; air quality; biological resources; cultural and tribal resources; energy conservation; environmental justice; groundwater; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use and agricultural resources; noise; public services; recreation; transportation and traffic; and, utilities and service systems. Growth inducement potential, secondary effects of growth, and cumulative impacts are also addressed in the Draft EIR/EIS. For environmental impacts determined to be significant or potentially significant, mitigation measures have been identified to reduce those impacts. Per CEQA Section 15087(c)(6), the Draft EIR/EIS identifies sites with documented use, storage, or release of hazardous materials or petroleum products under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code found within 660 feet of the Phase 2 project components.

Document Availability: The Draft 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

Novato Public Library 1720 Novato Blvd Novato, CA 94947

San Rafael Pickleweed Branch Library 50 Canal Street San Rafael, CA 94901 Marin County – Central Library 3501 Civic Center Drive #414 San Rafael, CA 94903

Petaluma Regional Library 100 Fairgrounds Drive Petaluma, CA 94559

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

Sonoma County Water Agency 404 Aviation Boulevard Santa Rosa, CA 95403 Napa City-County Library 580 Coombs Street Napa, Ca 94559

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

South Novato Public Library 931 C Street Novato, Ca 94949

Persons interested in reviewing documents referenced in the Draft EIR/EIS or receiving copies of the Draft EIR/EIS for a copying fee or are invited to contact: **Anne Crealock, Sonoma County Water Agency, 707-547-1948**.

Public Hearings: Public hearings on the NBWRP Phase 2 will be held on:

May 7, 2018 (Monday) 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM American Canyon City Hall (Council Chambers) 4381 Broadway, Suite 201, American Canyon

May 10, 2018 (Monday) 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Petaluma Community Center, Craft Room 1 320 North McDowell Boulevard, Petaluma May 9, 2018 (Wednesday) 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM San Rafael Community Center Auditorium 618 B Street, San Rafael

May 14, 2018 (Monday) 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Sonoma Community Center, Room 110 276 East Napa Street, Sonoma

Deadline: Comments on the Draft EIR/EIS must be received by the end of the 45-day public review period, which is **May 18, 2018** at 5:00 p.m. Submit comments in writing to: **Anne Crealock, Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403** or via email to: Phase2EIR@nbwra.org.