

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

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Project Title:	Bay Division Pipeline Reliability Upgrade Project	
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Project Location:	SFPUC right-of-way between Irvington Portal in Fremont and the Pulgas Portal in Redwood City	
Assessor's Block and Lot:	Various	
Counties:	Alameda and San Mateo	

Project Description: The proposed Bay Division Pipeline Reliability Upgrade Project (the Project) includes construction of an additional 21-mile pipeline segment from Irvington Portal in Fremont, California, to Pulgas Portal in Redwood City, which would include a five-mile tunnel under San Francisco Bay ("Bay Tunnel") and adjacent marshlands. The new Bay Tunnel would replace BDPLs Nos. 1 and 2 between the Newark and Ravenswood Valve Lots. The Project would also improve the seismic and water-delivery reliability of the BDPLs by allowing existing BDPL facilities to be taken out of service for maintenance while continuing to meet the water supply needs of SFPUC customers through 2030. Key features of the proposed Project include:

- A welded-steel pipeline, approximately 72 inches in diameter, extending seven miles from Irvington Portal to Newark Valve Lot, located within the existing SFPUC right-of-way (ROW) of BDPLs Nos. 1 and 2.
- A "Bay Tunnel" segment of BDPL No. 5, approximately 120 inches in diameter, extending five miles from Newark Valve Lot to Ravenswood Valve Lot, crossing under San Francisco Bay and adjacent marshlands. BDPLs Nos. 1 and 2 would tie into the tunnel at both ends and would be decommissioned between Newark and Ravenswood Valve Lots.
- A welded-steel pipeline, approximately 60 inches in diameter extending nine miles from Ravenswood Valve Lot to Pulgas Portal, located within the existing SFPUC ROW of BDPLs Nos. 1 and 2.
- Ten new valve vaults at existing valve lots that would house isolation valves and metering valves for connecting BDPL No. 5 to the existing BDPLs. (Isolation valves are used to cut off the flow of water to sections of a pipeline for inspection and maintenance activities. Metering valves are used to measure the flow of water.)
- Isolation valves and piping for connecting BDPL No. 5 to Irvington and Pulgas Portals.

THIS PROJECT MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IS REQUIRED. This determination is based upon the criteria given in the following sections of the Guidelines of the State Secretary for Resources: 15063 (Initial Study), 15064 (Determining Significant Effect), and 15065 (Mandatory Findings of Significance).

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS will be held, pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15201, to receive oral comments concerning the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The San Francisco Planning Department will hold two public scoping meetings at the following locations, dates, and times:

Fremont – June 20, 2006 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Boulevard
Fremont, California (near Fremont BART station)

Redwood City – June 21, 2006 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Senior Center
Redwood Room
1455 Madison Avenue
Redwood City, California

The purpose of these meetings is to receive oral comments to assist the San Francisco Planning Department in reviewing the scope and focus of the Project's environmental impact analysis and information to be contained in the EIR. The public will have the opportunity to comment and offer testimony for consideration. The San Francisco Planning Department will also accept written comments at the meetings or by mail, e-mail, or fax until the close of business on July 7, 2006. Written comments should be sent to the San Francisco Planning Department, Attn: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer, 1660 Mission Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA, 94103-2414, by fax to (415) 558-5991, or sent by e-mail to timothy.johnston@sfgov.org.

Documents relating to the Project are available for review, by appointment only, at the San Francisco Planning Department's Major Environmental Analysis office at 30 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 4150. Please call (415) 558-5978. Documents are also available online at:

http://www.sfgov.org/site/planning_index.asp?id=37672
(click on Bay Division Pipeline Reliability Upgrade Project EIR).

June 1, 2006

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