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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report on the San Antonio Backup Pipeline Project

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A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project. The report is available for public review and comment at the following locations:

- Online at: [www.sf-planning.org](http://www.sf-planning.org)
- In print at:
  - San Francisco Planning Department offices at 1660 Mission Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Planning Information Counter (Draft EIR and documents incorporated by reference)
  - By appointment at San Francisco Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (call 415-558-6373) (Draft EIR, documents incorporated by reference, and cited reference materials)
  - San Francisco Main Library at Civic Center, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco (Draft EIR only)
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  - Dublin Public Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin (Draft EIR only)
  - Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore (Draft EIR only)
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**Project Description:** The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) proposes to implement the San Antonio Backup Pipeline (SABPL) project to provide reliable conveyance capacity for planned and emergency discharges of Hetch Hetchy water out of the SFPUC regional water system under future flow conditions. The project is needed because the existing SFPUC facilities do not have sufficient capacity to discharge the future maximum Hetch Hetchy flow of 315 million gallons per day. The proposed improvements include a 7,000-foot-long backup pipeline, a new discharge facility at an open quarry pit (Pit F3-East), a cutoff wall to facilitate the management of water levels in Pit F3-East and an adjacent quarry pit (Pit F3-West), dewatering facilities, a pump station and wet well, and new pipelines to connect to other existing pipelines. The proposed improvements would allow the SFPUC to discharge the full maximum future Hetch Hetchy flow to Pit F3-East, and subsequently conserve the discharged water by pumping the water to either San Antonio Reservoir for storage or to the Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant for treatment and subsequent delivery to customers. In addition, the proposed project would increase operational flexibility and delivery reliability during emergencies and planned maintenance activities by making it possible for the SFPUC to simultaneously discharge quality-impaired Hetch

Hetchy water out of the regional water system while accessing water supplies stored in San Antonio Reservoir, thereby minimizing the risk of service interruption.

The proposed project has a 21-month construction schedule, from approximately October 2012 through June 2014. All project components would be located in the Sunol Valley on Alameda watershed lands owned by the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) and managed by the SFPUC.

The Draft EIR describes the adverse environmental effects that would result from the proposed construction, design, and operation of the SABPL project. If implemented, the SABPL project would result in significant environmental effects that could not be mitigated to a less than significant level with implementation of mitigation measures. As identified in the Draft EIR, these include: the project's construction-related emissions of nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>), as well as the project's contribution to cumulative construction-related NO<sub>x</sub> and toxic air contaminant emissions. With implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR, all other direct project impacts would be less than significant and the project's contribution to all other cumulative impacts would not be cumulatively considerable.

**Public Hearings** on this Draft EIR will be held on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012** at Sunol Glen School (11601 Main Street, Sunol) starting promptly at 6:30 pm; and at San Francisco City Hall (Room 400, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco) on **Thursday, February 23, 2012** beginning at 12:00 p.m. or later (call 415-558-6422 the week of the hearing for a recorded message giving a more specific time).

**Public Comments** on the Draft EIR will be accepted from **January 25 through March 12, 2012**. Written comments should be addressed to Bill Wycko, Environmental Review Officer, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103; provided by fax to 415-558-6409; or emailed to [Steve.Smith@sfgov.org](mailto:Steve.Smith@sfgov.org). The San Francisco Planning Department will prepare a Comments and Responses document to respond to all comments on the Draft EIR presented at the public hearings and received in writing during the public review period. If you have any questions about the environmental review of the proposed project, please call the EIR Coordinator, Steve Smith, at 415-558-6373.