



PUBLIC NOTICE

**AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the
SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

PLANNING DEPARTMENT CASE NO. 2005.0159E
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2005092026

A Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) has been prepared by the City and County of San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this program. Beginning June 29, 2007, the Draft PEIR for the SFPUC's Water System Improvement Program can be viewed at the following locations:

Online at:
www.sfgov.org/site/planning/mea
(or by linking to this site from
<http://PEIR.sfwater.org>)

- In print at:
- San Francisco Planning Department, 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor, Planning Information Counter (copy of Draft PEIR only is available).
 - By appointment at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission by calling 1-866-231-1337 or e-mailing PEIRappointments@sfwater.org (copy of Draft PEIR and associated reference materials are available).
 - Any of the libraries listed below (copy of Draft PEIR and associated reference materials are available).

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605 N. El Dorado St., Stockton

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25 Tower Rd., San Mateo

Stanislaus County
Modesto Library:
1500 I St., Modesto

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) proposes to adopt and implement the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) to increase the reliability of the regional water system, which provides drinking water to 2.4 million people in San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Tuolumne Counties. WSIP implementation would involve using additional water supplies to serve customer needs through 2030 as well as constructing repairs and improvements to many facilities within the existing system located in Tuolumne, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco Counties.

SUMMARY OF IMPACT ANALYSIS

The Draft PEIR evaluates the environmental effects of the proposed changes in water supply, including growth-inducing impacts, as well as the general environmental effects of implementing 22 facility projects. The analysis in the Draft PEIR finds that the WSIP would support planned growth in the existing SFPUC service area and indirect effects of growth are significant and unavoidable. All other impacts resulting from water supply changes could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level, with the exception of an unavoidable impact on streamflow for about two miles in Alameda Creek and a potentially significant and unavoidable fisheries impact in Crystal Springs Reservoir. Other potentially significant but mitigable impacts as a result of water supply changes include: impacts on water quality, fishery resources, terrestrial biological resources, recreation and visual resources in the watersheds of either the Tuolumne River, Alameda Creek, San Mateo Creek, or Pilarcitos Creek; and impacts on groundwater and related resources in the Westside Groundwater Basin.

The environmental analysis also determined that most of the impacts associated with implementing facility projects could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level, although some impacts in the areas of land use, visual resources, cultural resources, biological resources, noise, vibration, air quality, and traffic were conservatively identified as potentially significant and unavoidable at the programmatic level. These impact determinations may be revised during subsequent environmental review of individual facility improvement projects. The Draft PEIR identifies potentially significant, but mitigable impacts from construction and operation of 22 facility projects in the areas of land use, visual quality, geology, hydrology/water quality, biological resources, cultural resources, traffic, air quality, noise, vibration, public services, utilities, recreational resources, agricultural resources, hazards, and energy.

The Draft PEIR also evaluates the environmental effects of variations of and alternatives to the WSIP.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The San Francisco Planning Department will hold five public hearings on this Draft PEIR at the locations listed below. The same information and opportunity to comment will be provided at each meeting. See the maps on the reverse side of this notice for directions to meeting locations.

Sonora	Modesto	Fremont	Palo Alto	San Francisco
September 5, 2007	September 6, 2007	September 18, 2007	September 19, 2007	September 20, 2007
6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	1:30 pm or later*
Sonora Opera House 250 S. Washington St.	Thomas Downey High School Cafeteria 1000 Coffee Rd.	Fremont Main Library Fukaya Room 2400 Stevenson Blvd.	Avenidas Senior Center 450 Bryant St.	San Francisco Planning Commission City Hall, Room 400 1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place

*Call (415) 558-6422 the week of the hearing for a recorded message giving a more specific time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on the Draft PEIR will be accepted by the San Francisco Planning Department from Friday, June 29, 2007 through 5:00 pm on Monday, October 1, 2007. You may submit comments to the Planning Department using any of the following means:

- Provide oral or written comment at any of the five public hearings
- Mail written comments to the San Francisco Planning Department, Attention: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103
- E-mail written comments to: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

The San Francisco Planning Department will prepare written responses to comments received during the public review period in a Comments and Responses document. If you have any questions about the environmental review of the WSIP, please leave a message for the Planning Department at 1-866-231-1337.



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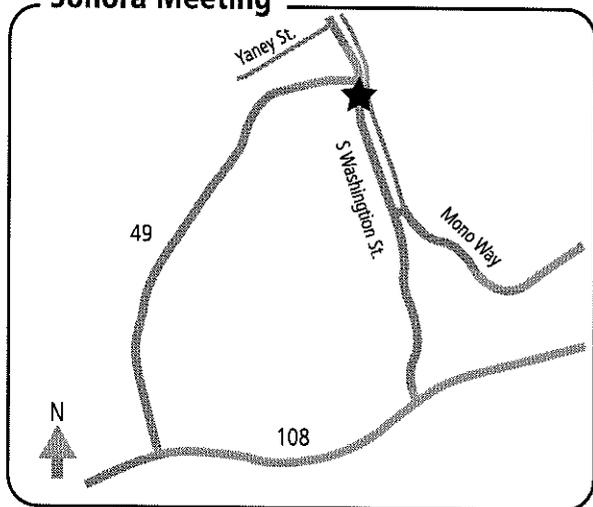
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Sonora Meeting



★ **Sonora Meeting** – Wednesday, September 5, 2007
Sonora Opera House, 250 South Washington Street

★ **Modesto Meeting** – Thursday, September 6, 2007
Thomas Downey High School Cafeteria, 1000 Coffee Road

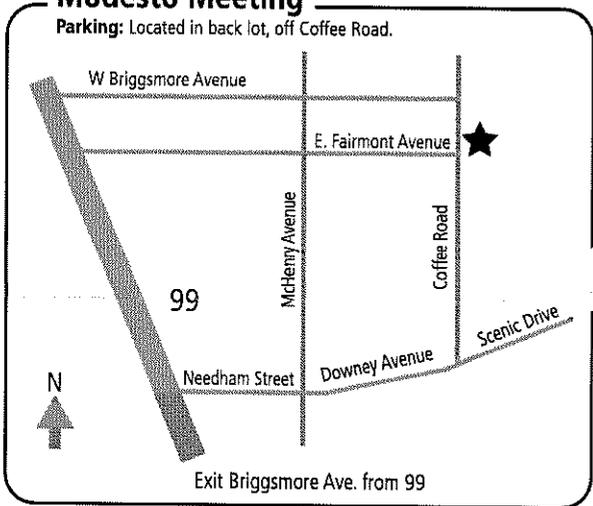
★ **Fremont Meeting** – Tuesday, September 18, 2007
Main Library, Fukaya Room, 2400 Stevenson Boulevard

★ **Palo Alto** – Wednesday, September 19, 2007
Avenidas Senior Center, 450 Bryant Street

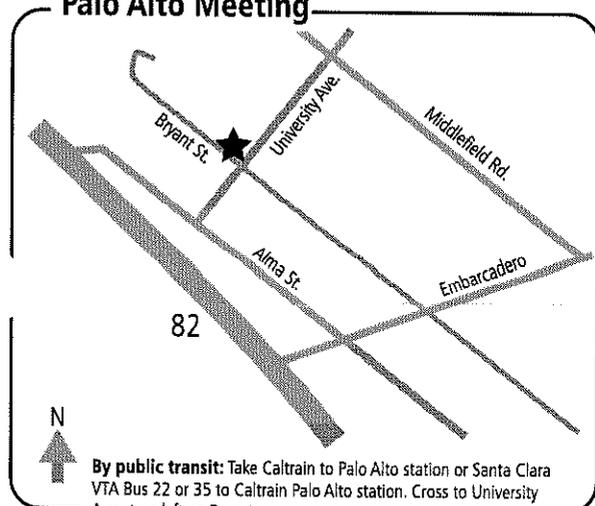
★ **San Francisco Meeting** – Thursday, September 20, 2007
City Hall, Room 400, 1 Dr. Carlton B, Goodlett Place

Modesto Meeting

Parking: Located in back lot, off Coffee Road.

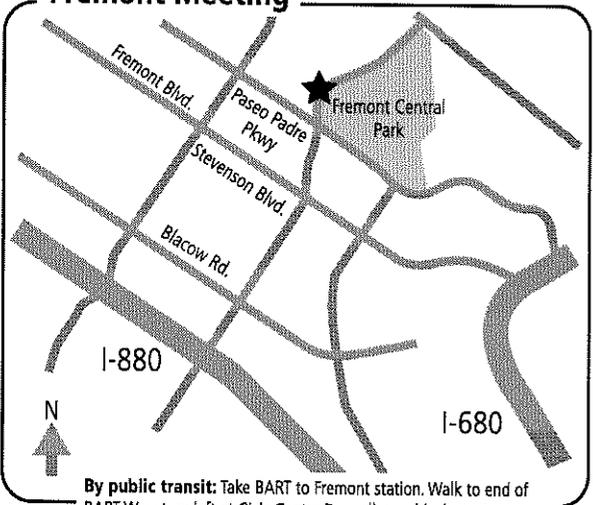


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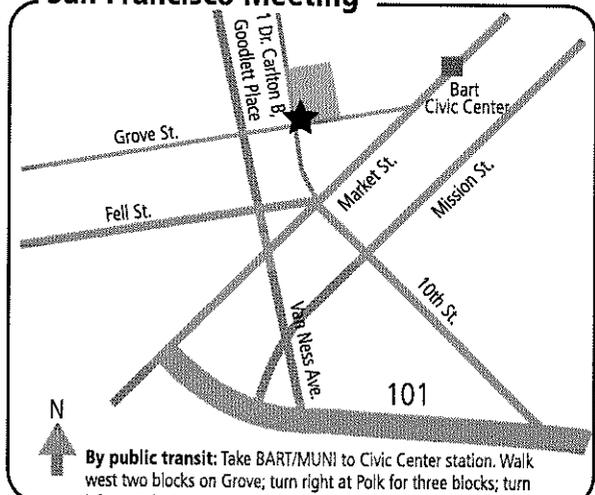
By public transit: Take Caltrain to Palo Alto station or Santa Clara VTA Bus 22 or 35 to Caltrain Palo Alto station. Cross to University Ave.; turn left on Bryant.

Fremont Meeting



By public transit: Take BART to Fremont station. Walk to end of BART Way; turn left at Civic Center Dr; walk two blocks to Stevenson.

San Francisco Meeting



By public transit: Take BART/MUNI to Civic Center station. Walk west two blocks on Grove; turn right at Polk for three blocks; turn left on Turk. Or, exit MUNI Van Ness station; walk north on Van Ness; right on Turk.