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PUBLIC NOTICE

Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project Planning Department Case No. 2007.0118E State Clearinghouse No. 2007032138

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A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project. A copy of the report is available for public review and comment at the Planning Department offices at 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor Planning Information Counter, and online at <http://www.sfgov.org/planning/mea>. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment at the Planning Department's office at 1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor. (Call 415-575-9028)

Project Description: The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) proposes the San Joaquin Pipeline (SJPL) System Project, which is comprised of the following:

- Repair or replacement of the SJPL No. 3 in the SJPL System's Eastern Segment beginning at Oakdale Portal in western Tuolumne County and extending approximately 6.5 miles to the west in Stanislaus County.
- Construction of a new pipeline segment, SJPL No. 4, that would begin near a new crossover facility west of the San Joaquin River in Stanislaus County and extend 11 miles west to the Tesla Portal located in San Joaquin County.
- Construction of two new crossover facilities: the Emery Crossover located about 9.5 miles west of the Oakdale Portal in an unincorporated area of Stanislaus County, about 4 miles southeast of the City of Oakdale; and the Pelican Crossover, located west of the San Joaquin River at the eastern end of the Western Segment in an unincorporated area of Stanislaus County, about 8 miles southwest of the City of Modesto.
- Ancillary project components include site improvements at the Oakdale Portal, construction of two new throttling stations along SJPL No. 3 in the Eastern Segment; upgrade/replacement of existing valves at the discharge facilities at Cashman Creek; and replacement of the existing valves and discharge piping and addition of a new discharge valve at the California Aqueduct.

This EIR tiers from the Program EIR prepared for the SFPUC's Water System Improvement Program (WSIP), State Clearinghouse No. 2005092026, available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 and online at www.sfgov.org/planning/mea. The Draft EIR finds that implementation of the project would not result in significant environmental effects that could not be mitigated to a less than significant level with implementation of mitigation measures, with the exception of the project's contribution to impacts associated with the WSIP. Because the project is part of the WSIP, the project would contribute to the following significant and unavoidable impacts: effects on fishery resources in Crystal Springs Reservoir in San Mateo County; indirect growth-inducement impacts in the SFPUC service area; and effects on stream flow in Alameda Creek between the diversion

dam and the confluence with Calaveras Creek. All other impacts resulting from the project could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

A **public hearing** on this Draft EIR and other matters has been scheduled by the City Planning Commission for **Thursday, January 22, 2009**, in Room 400, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, beginning at 1:30 p.m. or later. (Call 415-558-6422 the week of the hearing for a recorded message giving a more specific time.) Additional public hearings for this Draft EIR have been scheduled as follows: **January 13, 2009, 6:30pm** at Thomas Dewey High School Cafeteria, 1000 Coffee Road, Modesto, CA 95355 and **January 15, 2009, 6:30pm** at the Tracy Golf and Country Club, 35200 South Chrisman Road, Tracy, CA 95377.

Public comments will be accepted from December 11, 2008 to 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to Bill Wycko, Environmental Review Officer, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. Comments received at the public hearing and in writing will be responded to in a Comments and Responses document. If you have any questions about the **environmental review** of the proposed project, please call Jamie Dean at 415-575-9028.

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