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Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report

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Case No.: 2011.0123E
Project Title: Peninsula Pipelines Seismic Upgrade Project
Zoning: Various
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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 on the Planning Department's Negative Declarations and EIRs web page for SFPUC sponsored projects (<http://tinyurl.com/puccases>). CDs and paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment at the Planning Department's office on the fourth floor of 1650 Mission Street. (Call (415) 558-6378)

Project Description:

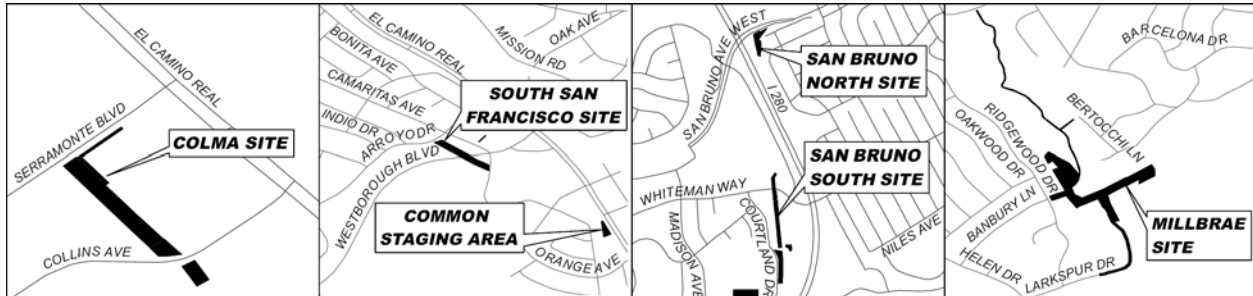
The proposed project would entail seismic upgrades to the SFPUC's potable water transmission pipelines that deliver water from the Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant (HTWTP) to the SFPUC's regional water system, the San Andreas Pipeline No. 2 (SAPL2), San Andreas Pipeline No. 3 (SAPL3), and Sunset Supply Branch Pipeline (SSBPL). The proposed project would be located on the San Francisco Peninsula at five sites in San Mateo County, as described below. The goal of the proposed project is to improve the seismic reliability of transmission pipelines between HTWTP and the Capuchino, Baden, and San Pedro Valve Lots in the event of a major earthquake on the San Andreas Fault. The project proposes replacement and stabilization of segments of the existing pipelines, and would not increase the normal operating capacity of the regional water system.

The proposed project activities and locations are as follows:

- Colma Site – Replacement of an approximately 700-foot segment of SAPL2 located south of Serramonte Boulevard and north of Colma Avenue, east of El Camino Real;
- South San Francisco Site – Replacement of an approximately 720-foot segment of SAPL2 located south of Arroyo Drive and north of West Orange Avenue, extending under Westborough Boulevard (portion of the site is located in unincorporated San Mateo County);
- San Bruno North Site – Stabilization of SAPL2 where it extends through a tunnel located south of San Bruno Avenue West and north of the Interstate-280 off-ramp;
- San Bruno South Site – Replacement of an approximately 1,170-foot segment of SAPL2 and an approximately 1,050-foot segment of SAPL3 located between Shelter Creek Lane and Courtland Drive, extending under Whitman Way; and
- Millbrae Site – Replacement of an approximately 900-foot segment of SSBPL located east of Banbury Lane extending into the Green Hills Country Club.

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A common staging area would be located at SFPUC's Baden Valve Lot in South San Francisco on El Camino Real.



Construction would primarily entail open trench construction methods although alternative construction methods including jack-and-bore construction would be also used. Open-trench construction for the pipe replacement would generally include: (1) removal of vegetation and grading; (2) trench excavation; (3) removal of existing pipe and installation of new pipe; (4) trench backfill and compacting; and (5) surface restoration.

The Draft EIR found that the project would lead to significant impacts related to land use, aesthetics, cultural resources, transportation, noise, air quality, recreation, utilities, biology, geology, hydrology and water quality, and hazards. These significant impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR, except as follows. Implementation of the proposed project would lead to significant unavoidable impacts related to: daytime and nighttime construction noise associated with heavy equipment; generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance; and generation of excessive groundborne vibration from heavy equipment.

A **public hearing** on this draft EIR and other matters has been scheduled by the City Planning Commission for April 18, 2013, in Room 400, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, (Call (415) 558-6422 the week of the hearing for a recorded message giving a more specific time.) An additional public meeting will be held on April 16, 2013, at 6:30 PM (starting promptly) at the San Bruno Chinese Church, 250 Courtland Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066.

Public comments will be accepted from March 14, 2013 to 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Sarah Jones, Acting 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 draft EIR comments and responses document.

If you have any questions about the **environmental review** of the proposed project, please call Steven Smith at (415) 558-6373.