



September 3, 2019

Dear Members of the City Council:

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Vice Mayor John Knox White  
Councilmember Tony Daysog  
Councilmember Jim Oddie  
Councilmember Malia Vella

RE: Support for Climate Action and Resiliency Plan – Item 6-B on the September 3, 2019  
Regular Meeting of the City Council

Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) strongly supports adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, full funding and staffing of the plan, and early implementation of the plan elements.

The plan that is before you includes many of CASA's priority initiatives. As the City moves forward to implement and update the plan, we would like to see more efforts in the following areas.

- Phased in electrification for all new development (including multifamily and commercial development) and future consideration of electrification requirements for existing buildings (at the time of sale or major remodel) – to be addressed in a future ordinance.
  - Transportation mode-shift away from single use occupancy vehicles and more emphasis on making Alameda safe for biking and walking – to be addressed in the Active Transportation Plan.
  - Investment in the urban forest, including not only street trees, but also forest groves in Alameda's parks, at schools and on private property – to be addressed in the Master Street Tree Plan.
  - Dedicated staffing for Climate and Resiliency – in her research about what made the early climate action plans successful, Professor Adrienne Greve at Cal Poly - San Luis
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Obispo found that the presence of a sustainability/climate coordinator positively correlated with success.<sup>1</sup>

To further support these initiatives, CASA will actively participate in the planning process for the development of the Active Transportation Plan and the Master Street Tree Plan. We will also participate in the public process for the development of the electrification ordinance and closely monitor City budgets and staff support for implementing the plan elements.

CASA members will be in attendance at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, but most of us will not plan to put in speaker cards (unless there is concern expressed by the City Council or public). Please know that CASA is in full support of the recommended action and Alameda has a broad constituency in support of mitigating the risk of climate change and preparing for the impacts of sea level rise.

We look forward to continuing a partnership with the City in its efforts to meet the goals of the plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Abbe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ruth Abbe, Steering Committee  
Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda  
415-235-1356

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<sup>1</sup>Climate Action Planning: A Guide to Creating Low-Carbon, Resilient Communities  
by Michael R. Boswell PhD, Adrienne I. Greve, Tammy L. Seale, Island Press, July 16, 2019.

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August 16, 2019

Andrew Thomas, Planning Director  
City of Alameda  
Community Development Department  
2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 380  
Alameda, CA 94501-4477

Re: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, City of Alameda

Dear Mr. Thomas:

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan located in the City of Alameda (City). EBMUD commented on the Notice of Public Hearing for the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan and MND for the project on July 1, 2019. EBMUD's original comments (see below) still apply.

#### **GENERAL**

EBMUD owns and operates multiple rights-of-way (R/W) within the proposed climate change adaptation strategy projects areas. The attached EBMUD Distribution Map (1485B474) highlights R/W's near the Webster Tube and Posey Tube and climate change adaptation strategy projects (p.44 of MND). R/W 647 is a 10-foot easement that provides access to the 24-inch pipeline that delivers water to the City. R/W 4696 and R/W 4697 are 25-foot easements that provide access to interceptors for wastewater collection. The integrity of this infrastructure needs to be maintained at all times. Any proposed construction activity in EBMUD rights-of-way would be subject to the terms and conditions determined by EBMUD including relocation of the infrastructure and/or rights-of-way at the project sponsor's expense.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Timothy R. McGowan, Senior Civil Engineer, Major Facilities Planning Section at (510) 287-1981.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David J. Rehnstrom'.

David J. Rehnstrom  
Manager of Water Distribution Planning

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Attachment: EBMUD Distribution Map 1485B474

**Potable Distribution System**

- Regular Pipeline
- Service Lateral
- System Valve
- Check Valve
- Change of Pipe ID
- ⊙ Rate Control Station
- ⊙ Regulator
- ⊙ Water Flow Meter
- Manhole
- Service Connection
- Hydrant
- Water Facility
- ▶ Pump Station

**Supply System**

- Supply Main
- Raw Service Connection

**Recycled Distribution System**

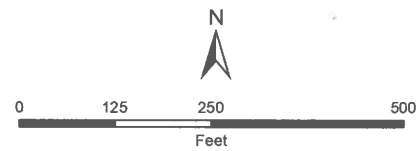
- Recycled Main
- Service Lateral
- Hydrant
- Service Connection
- Recycled Facility

**Wastewater System**

- Wastewater Interceptor

**Landbase**

- EBMUD Right of Way
- Shared Right of Way
- Right of Way Crossing
- EBMUD Property



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**1485B474**



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**Alameda Climate Action and Resiliency Plan – Initial Study & Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)**

Dear Andrew Thomas:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Alameda Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. In tandem with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Caltrans' mission signals our agency's approach to evaluate and mitigate impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN). Caltrans' *Strategic Management Plan 2015-2020* aims to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) consistent with the State's goals and targets. Our comments are based on the June 2019 IS/MND.

***Project Understanding***

The City of Alameda (City) is proposing its Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP), which provides a roadmap for the City to follow in reducing the City's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and assist California in meeting the GHG reduction goals established by AB 32 and SB 32. Also, the CARP intends to help the City address the growing threats posed by climate change.

***Cultural Resources***

The Posey Tube is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and, as such, should be discussed as a cultural resource. Further, any project activities

physically touching or near the resource should be discussed in the cultural resource section of this environmental document or any future documents that propose work to the Posey Tube.

**Lead Agency**

As the Lead Agency, the City of Alameda is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

**Encroachment Permit**

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto the State right-of-way (ROW) requires an encroachment permit that is issued by Caltrans. To obtain an encroachment permit, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and six (6) sets of plans clearly indicating the State ROW, and six (6) copies of signed and stamped traffic control plans must be submitted to: Office of Encroachment Permits, California DOT, District 4, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660. To download the permit application and obtain more information, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Andrew Chan at 510-622-5433 or [andrew.chan@dot.ca.gov](mailto:andrew.chan@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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# San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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July 15, 2019

Alameda City Council  
2263 Santa Clara Avenue  
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SUBJECT: Alameda Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP)

Dear Alameda City Council:

Congratulations on finalizing the Alameda Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP). With this plan, the City of Alameda has charted a bold course to address an uncertain future by adopting a "Climate Safe Path" which emphasizes both mitigating greenhouse gases to achieve net zero carbon emissions as well as adapting the city to respond to climate change impacts.

Staff at the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) commend the CARP efforts to provide your community with a well-rounded and implementable plan of action to address rising sea levels and climate change impacts in your jurisdiction and beyond. Ensuring a Bay that is adaptive and resilient into the future requires coordination and partnership between local, regional, state, and federal agencies. Here at BCDC, we recognize and appreciate that Alameda staff has used numerous aspects of the Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) methodology and data to support the CARP effort in an effective way. The use of ART datasets means that this work aligns and integrates with ongoing climate work throughout the region. Local work such as this will prove invaluable to BCDC as we move towards regional synthesis of sea level rise vulnerabilities and coordinated action. BCDC staff is pleased to see community participation efforts that could lead to actionable social equity targets and outcomes in the future. We also appreciate the innovative application of the ART process to reach beyond sea level rise to many other climate hazards as well.

With this plan, Alameda has proven itself to be an innovative climate leader. We look forward to working with you to achieve these goals. As cities around the region develop local climate strategies, this plan can serve as an exemplary, local model for how to tackle the imposing threats of climate change, sea level rise, and other climate related hazards.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-352-3641 or [cody.aichele@bcdc.ca.gov](mailto:cody.aichele@bcdc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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