

IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-018

Resolution of the City of San Leandro City Council Expressing the City Council's Opposition to the East Bay Municipal Utility District's "Quarry Site Restoration Project" and Authorizing the City Manager to Take any Subsequent Actions Necessary to Effectuate Opposition to the Project

WHEREAS, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) filed an application for a conditional use permit with the County of Alameda for a project, known as the "Quarry Site Restoration Project", which would result in the deposit of significant volumes of soil extracted from pipeline repair and construction work into the quarry site located at 13575 Lake Chabot Road; and

WHEREAS, based on information available to the public, significant volumes of heavily loaded trucks carrying such soils would need to travel through various parts of San Leandro to carry out the project, resulting in substantive negative impacts to the community; and

WHEREAS, among the various roads within the City of San Leandro that would be negatively impacted by the project, potential impacts to Lake Chabot Road would be particularly acute, due to potential dangers to the thousands of pedestrians, hikers, bicyclists, and vehicle operators who regularly travel along this road on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Lake Chabot Road is already a relatively narrow road, the widening of which could not be feasibly achieved due to numerous sharp curves, immediately adjacent steep slopes, and ongoing issues related to erosion and landslides; and

WHEREAS, the proposed truck route that is associated with EBMUD's proposed project would cross five of the six streets available for residents of San Leandro's Bay-O-Vista neighborhood to enter and exit the community, making public ingress and egress from the area more difficult and dangerous, particularly during emergencies or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, rather than disbursing truck traffic throughout EBMUD's jurisdiction, the proposed project would concentrate truck and construction-related vehicular traffic along portions of Interstates 880, 238 and 580 as well as on busy surface streets throughout the City of San Leandro. Many areas along the 880, 238, 580 interstate junctures are economically disadvantaged and San Leandro has designated the 880 corridor through its city as an environmental justice corridor; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project has engendered significant and organized opposition from numerous segments of the San Leandro community, including the *Coalition to Save Lake Chabot Road*, as well as local elected officials from throughout the East Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro City Council Facilities and Transportation Committee voted unanimously to oppose the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, although EBMUD's General Manager has publicly expressed the agency's intent to

put the project on hold and explore a potential withdrawal of the associated conditional use permit application, it is important that the City of San Leandro City Council document its opposition to the proposed project in the event it were to materialize again in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Leandro do hereby oppose EBMUD's proposed "Quarry Site Restoration Project" and urge the EBMUD Board of Directors to formally terminate the Project rather than put it on hold. The City Manager is authorized to take any and all steps necessary to ensure that the project, or any similar project, does not proceed forward on any part of the proposed Quarry site. Such steps could include active engagement and close scrutiny within the environmental review process associated with any future iterations of the project at this location. The City Clerk is directed to send this Resolution expeditiously to the EBMUD Board of Directors and any other relevant organizations at the Mayor's discretion.

Introduced by Councilmember Reynes and passed and adopted this 6th day of March 2023, by the following vote:

Members of the Council:

AYES:	Councilmembers Aguilar, Azevedo, Ballew, Bowen, Reynes, Simon, and Mayor Gonzalez	(7)
NOES:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	None	(0)

ATTEST: Kelly B. Clancy
Kelly B. Clancy, City Clerk