



**Sonoma
Water**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 20, 2021

TO: Brian Oh

FROM: Connie Barton

PROJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Commission & Association of Bay Area Governments Draft EIR

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PLAN BAY AREA 2050

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the above mentioned project. In response, we submit the following comments.

General Comment:

Please update Water Supply Tables 3.14-2 and 3.14-3 with Sonoma Water's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

For Table 3.14-2, current supply is 77,300, current demand is 51,330 acre-feet, and future demand is projected to be 68,725 acre-feet in 2035.

Table 3.14-3, for a single dry year, due to updated modeling assumptions of implementing FIRO for Lake Mendocino, the new hydrologic index, and new minimum instream flow requirements, Lake Mendocino does not reach these depleted storage levels in the current Plan in any of the single dry year scenarios. Lake Sonoma, however, is projected to reach a storage level under 2030 modeling of a single dry year that would trigger a mandatory 30% reduction in production from the Russian River. For multiple year drought the results of the model analysis indicate that adequate water supplies are available in Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma to meet in-stream flows, system losses, and demands for average and multiple dry year scenarios through 2045. All model scenarios assume that the Potter Valley Project will continue operations under current guidelines.

For reference: <https://www.sonomawater.org/uwmp>

Specific Comments:

Page 3.14-7, under Sonoma Water, first sentence. We suggest the following edit:

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) is a water wholesaler that provides drinking water to nine cities and special districts and to more than 630,000 residents in portions of Sonoma and Marin counties.

Page 3.14-16 Table 3.14-4: Wastewater Treatment Facilities in the Region, under Sonoma County.

Please replace Sonoma Water with Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District.

Also, it is not clear if Table 3.14-4 identifies all treatment facilities in each county or if it only includes the treatment that flows in the San Francisco Bay.

If it the former, please add:

- Occidental County Sanitation District
- Russian River County Sanitation District
- South Park County Sanitation District
- Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup Sanitation Zone
- Geyserville Sanitation Zone
- Penngrove Sanitation Zone

If it is the latter, please include:

- Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District
- Penngrove Sanitation Zone

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. For questions regarding water supply please contact Todd Schram at Todd.Schram@scwa.ca.gov

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