



# City of Emeryville

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 15, 2025

**TO:** La Tanya Bellow, City Manager

**FROM:** Mohamed Alaoui, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Approving A Modification To A Waiver From The Noise Ordinance For Sewer Rehabilitation Work On The Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Line Owned By East Bay Municipal Utility District For A Period Of Twelve Weeks, Beginning In July 2025, To East Bay Municipal Utility District And Its Contractor**

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Emeryville adopt the above-titled resolution approving a modification to the noise waiver for East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and their contractor SAK Construction (SAK) previously approved by the City Council.

### BACKGROUND

The North Interceptor is a 70-year-old wastewater pipeline owned by EBMUD that runs along I-80 and is heavily corroded in several areas. It plays a critical role in regional sewage conveyance, serving multiple cities including Emeryville, whose trunk sewers feed into it. Emeryville's Municipal Code limits construction noise, but the City Council may grant exceptions through a waiver process as outlined in EMC 5-13.06.

### DISCUSSION

EBMUD is planning to rehabilitate a section of its Interceptor sewer line in Emeryville, between 64th Street and Powell Street Plaza, using the cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) method. This approach, chosen to minimize construction disruption, involves dewatering the existing 66-inch concrete pipe and constructing a temporary bypass system. The project includes spot repairs at five maintenance holes and the installation of three temporary pumping systems to divert sewage flow. A bypass pipe will also cross Powell Street between the I-80 onramp and Christie Avenue. These systems will operate 24/7 and be installed at night, as authorized by City Council Resolution No. 24-153.

The previous duration of the waiver to the Noise Ordinance approved by the City Council was based upon an estimated timeline of construction from June through August 2025. EBMUD has now selected a contractor, and the final schedule indicates that the operations will continue through September. Therefore, staff recommends modifying the duration of the previously approved waiver to begin in July, 2025.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

As required by the Noise Ordinance, City staff coordinated with EBMUD staff deliver notices of Public Hearing to occupants of addresses within 300 feet of the project sites. EBMUD distributed notices on June 25, 2025.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Emeryville adopt the above-titled resolution.

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## **APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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LaTanya Bellow, City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Resolution No. 24-153
- EBMUD Presentation
- Draft Resolution