

## **OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

### **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS AND COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE DAN KALB**

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#### **RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S (EBMUD) 100 YEARS OF SERVING THE EAST BAY**

**WHEREAS**, The California State Legislature adopted the Municipal Utility District Act (MUD Act) in 1921, allowing the creation of a special district to provide domestic water services across city and county jurisdictional boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD was established on May 8, 1923, by the voters of seven East Bay cities to consolidate numerous private companies and provide safe, reliable water service; and

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD provides high-quality Mokelumne River water to homes and businesses of the East Bay through an extensive infrastructure system that includes Pardee and Camanche Reservoirs in the Sierra foothills, aqueducts spanning 90 miles, five East Bay reservoirs, state-of-the-art water treatment plants and pumps, and 4,200 miles of distribution pipes; and

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD's duties were expanded in 1944, when voters established Special District No. 1, and since that time EBMUD built and has operated a wastewater treatment system to protect the health of San Francisco Bay, and EBMUD became the first utility in the nation to generate net renewable energy by capturing methane gas from the wastewater treatment process; and

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD successfully manages its water system to concurrently provide municipal water supply, restore and protect the environment, meet the needs of downstream water users, meet flood control requirements, and generate renewable energy through hydropower;

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD acquired additional water rights and built facilities to access Sacramento River water in dry years, purchases supplemental supplies during dry years, and invests in water conservation and water recycling to ensure reliable, high-quality water supplies for generations to come; and,

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD has been recognized for excellence in water treatment; is a leader in research and innovation; and is committed to investing in and maintaining infrastructure to ensure customers have dependable water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD's environmental leadership is demonstrated by establishing the first utility watershed master plan addressing water quality and biodiversity protection while balancing recreation access, supporting a healthy salmon fishery on the Mokelumne River, introducing pioneering water education and conservation services, and sponsoring state legislation to get lead out of drinking water plumbing fixtures that resulted in a national law; and

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD now serves 1.4 million drinking water customers in 20 incorporated and 15 unincorporated cities and communities and supports a regional \$748 billion Bay Area economy that is essential to the economic health of California; and

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD's wastewater treatment system protects San Francisco Bay and serves 740,000 people from the communities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont, and part of Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, EBMUD is a major Bay Area employer with employees working in a broad range of trades, technical, administrative and scientific fields, and is committed to cultivating diversity, advancing equity and ensuring an inclusive culture for its employees, customers, and the communities it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Bay Municipal Utility District has provided 100 years of responsible and exemplary public service; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Oakland City Council hereby celebrates the East Bay Municipal Utility District on its Centennial Anniversary.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California

Date of Attestation: \_\_\_\_\_