

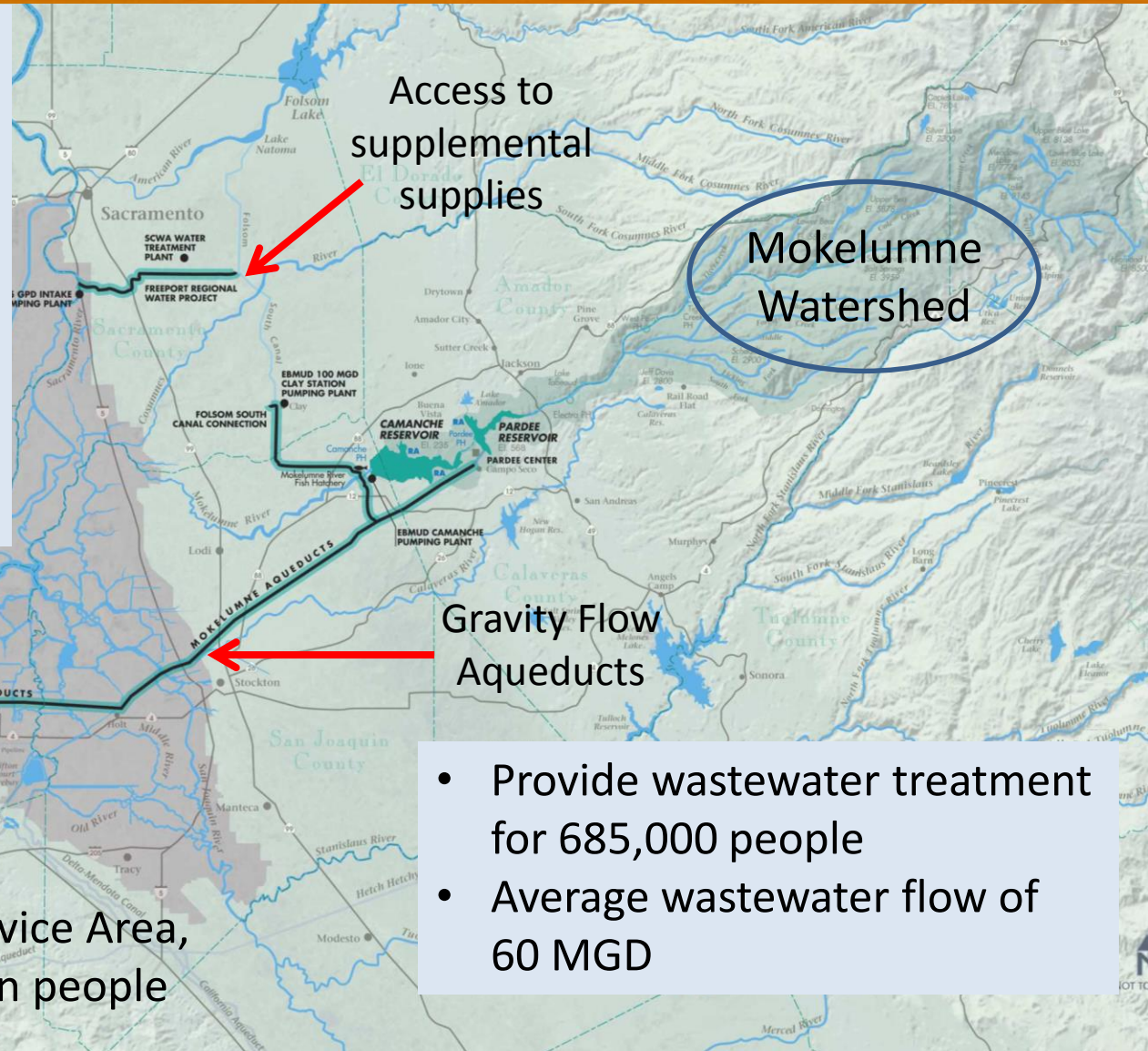
# **Recycled Water Master Plan Update: To Drink or Not to Drink? Potable vs. Non-Potable Reuse**

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# About EBMUD



- Mokelumne River watershed provides 90% of water supply
- Rely on supplemental supplies in 3 out of 10 years
- Avg water production 175 MGD



- Provide wastewater treatment for 685,000 people
- Average wastewater flow of 60 MGD



# EBMUD's Recycled Water History



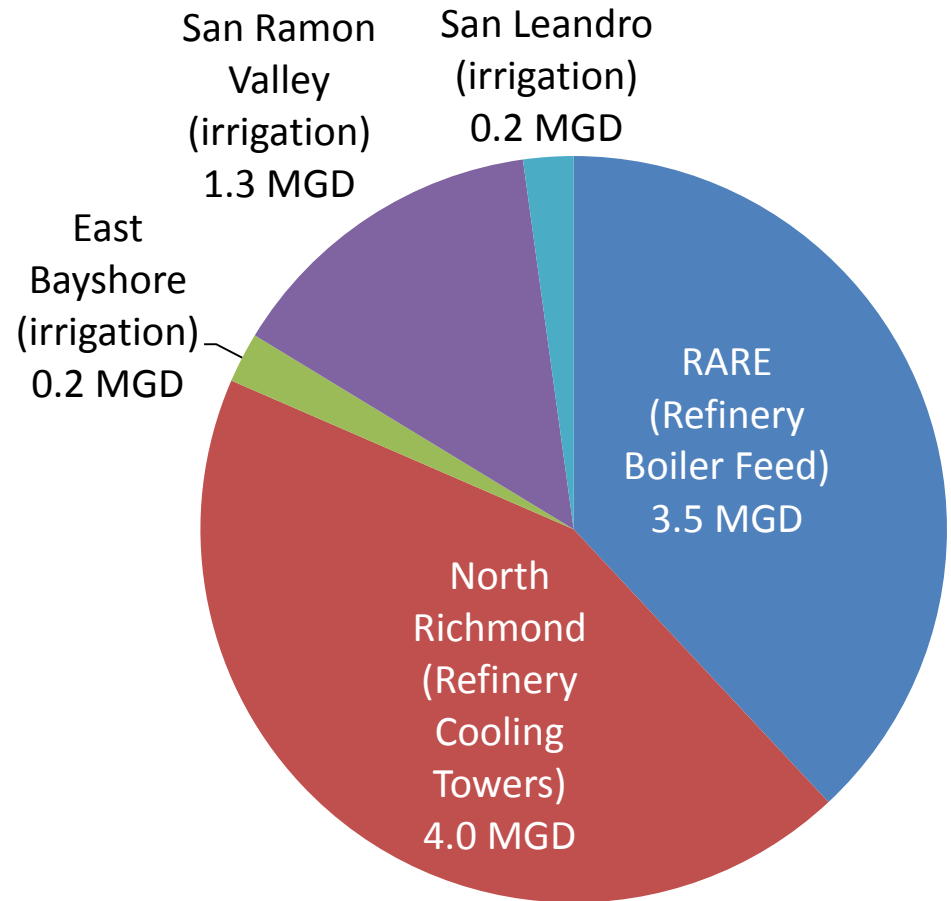
- 1970s – recycled water for irrigation & in-plant processes at main WWTP
- 1980s – multiple landscape irrigation
- 1990s - first Water Recycling Master Plan, 1993 goal of 14 MGD by 2020
- 1996 & 2010 – partnership with refinery
- 2006 & 2008 – additional irrigation projects
- 2012 - recycling goal of 20 MGD by 2040
- 2018 - Recycled Water Master Plan Update to consider both non-potable & potable reuse



# Current Recycled Water Program



- 5 non-potable projects
- Production capacity of 9.2 MGD
- Goal of 20 MGD by 2040
- ~\$250 million invested
- >80% of capacity serves a single industrial customer



# Challenges of Non-potable Reuse



- Supply limitation, low wastewater flows
- Limited demands in urban setting
- Challenging water quality: Ammonia, TDS, aging water in distribution system
- Extensive distribution systems and site retrofits
- Single user project, risk of stranded assets

# EBMUD Recognizes Advances in Potable Reuse



- Key potable reuse projects:
  - Groundwater augmentation - Orange County (2008)
  - Groundwater augmentation - Pure Water Monterey (expected 2019)
  - Reservoir augmentation - Pure Water San Diego (expected 2023)
  - Bay Area - Santa Clara Valley Water District in planning stages for groundwater augmentation

## Questions for EBMUD Master Plan:

- How could Potable Reuse fit into the District's Recycled Water Program?
- Should Potable Reuse be added to the District's Recycled Water program at this time?

# Master Plan Evaluation



1. Identify Non-Potable Reuse Alternatives

2. Identify Potable Reuse Alternatives



3. Cost Evaluation

4. Non-Cost Evaluation

5. Economic Evaluation



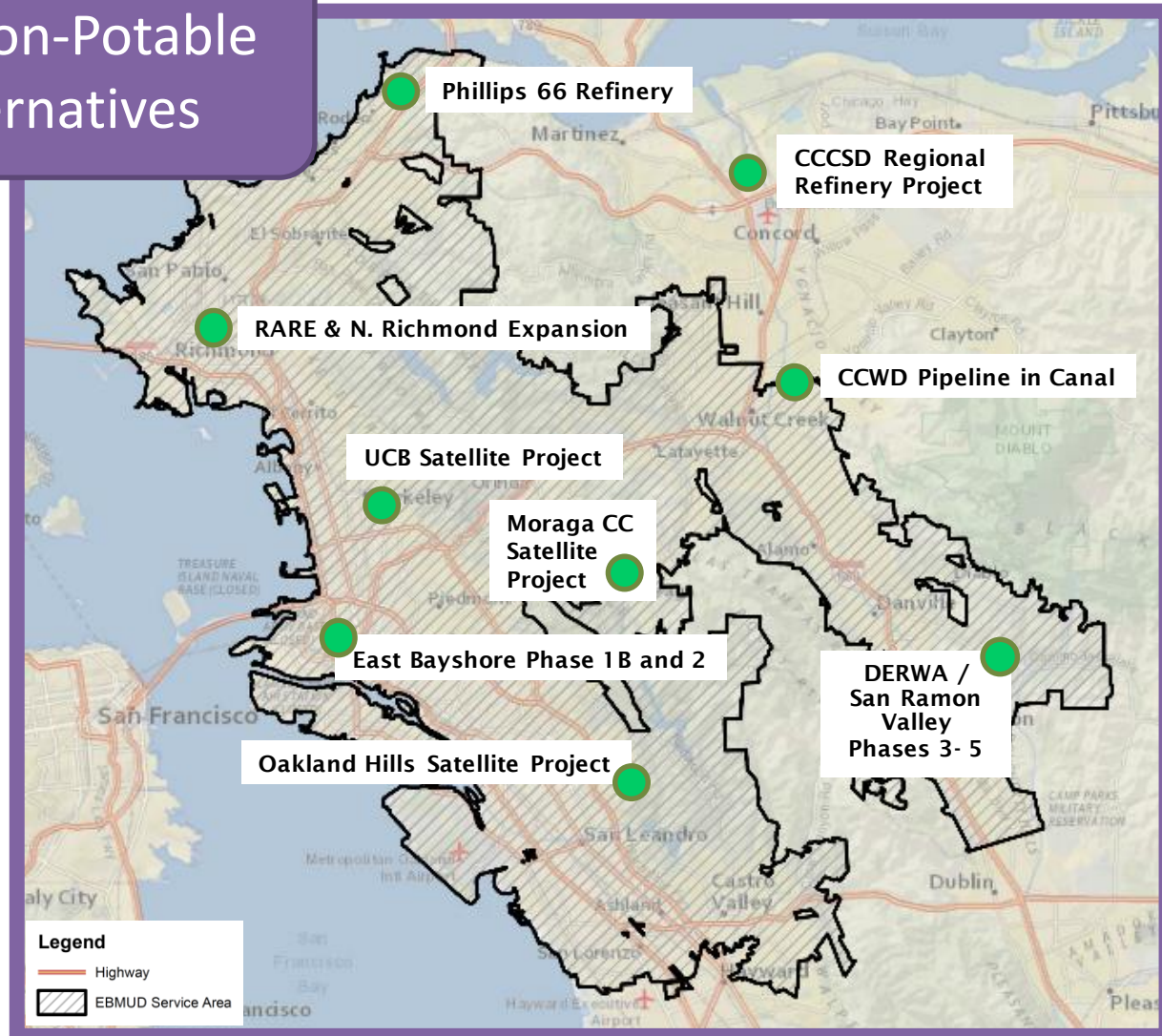
Recommended Projects



# Master Plan Evaluation



## 1. Identify Non-Potable Reuse Alternatives





# Master Plan Evaluation



## 2. Identify Potable Reuse Alternatives

### Sources

East Bay WWTPs



### Advanced Treatment



### Targets

Link to EBMUD  
Potable Water  
System

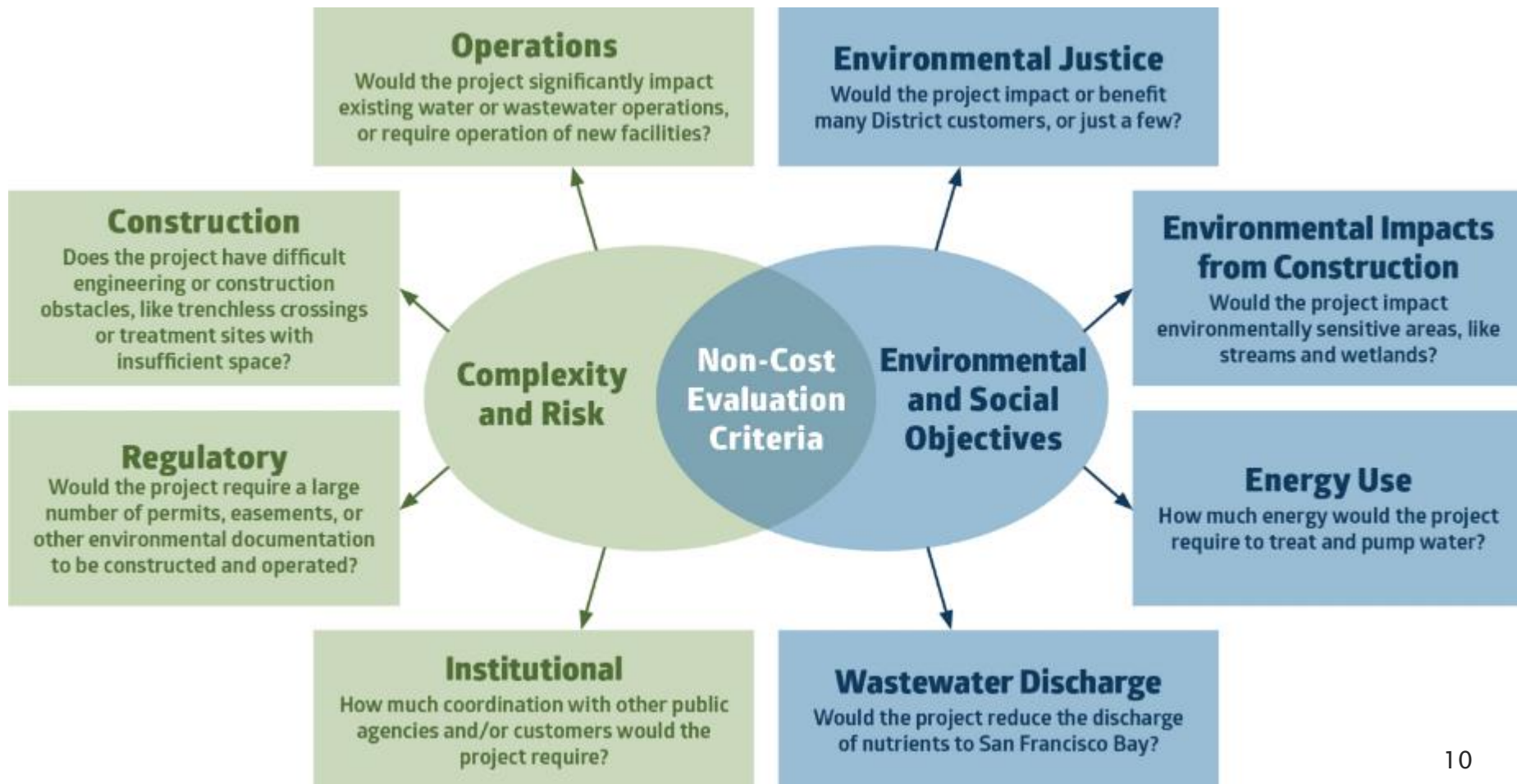
## 3. Cost Evaluation

Capital  
Cost

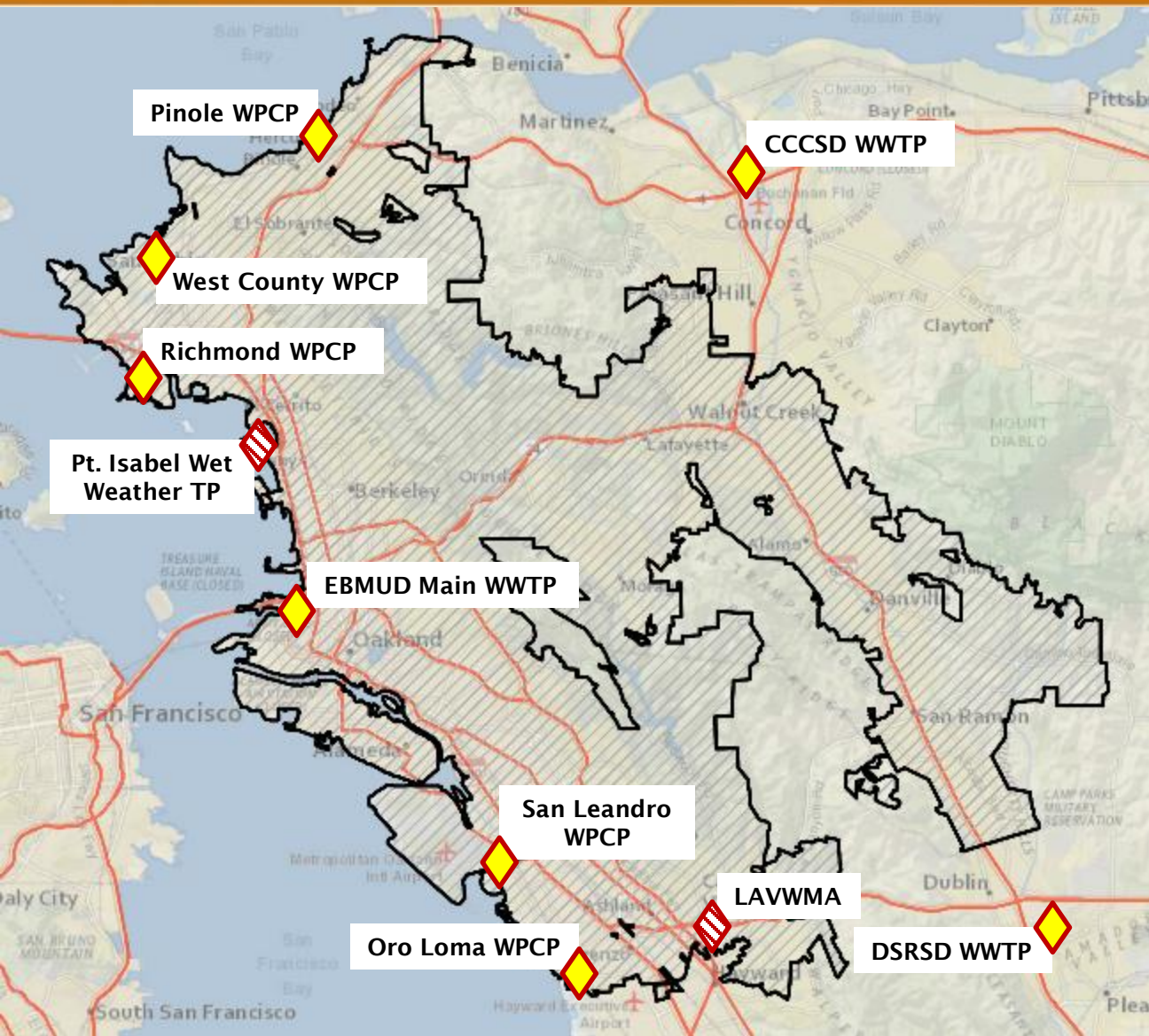
Unit  
Cost

# Non-Cost Factors

## 4. Non-Cost Evaluation



# Potential Sources for Potable Reuse



## Potable Projects



### **Municipal WWTPs:**

- > 1 MGD dry weather flow
- Inside or near District's water service area

- More than 80 MGD available in region



### **Satellite locations also considered**

- Pt. Isabel
- LAVWMA Pipeline



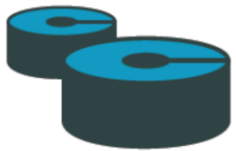
# Potential Potable Reuse for EBMUD



**Groundwater Augmentation:**  
East Bay Plain Groundwater Basin



**Reservoir Augmentation:**  
Briones, San Pablo, & Upper San Leandro Reservoirs



**Raw Water Augmentation:**  
Orinda WTP, Sobrante WTP, Upper San Leandro WTP, and  
Mokelumne Aqueduct to Walnut Creek WTP



**Treated Water Augmentation:**  
Treated Water Distribution System

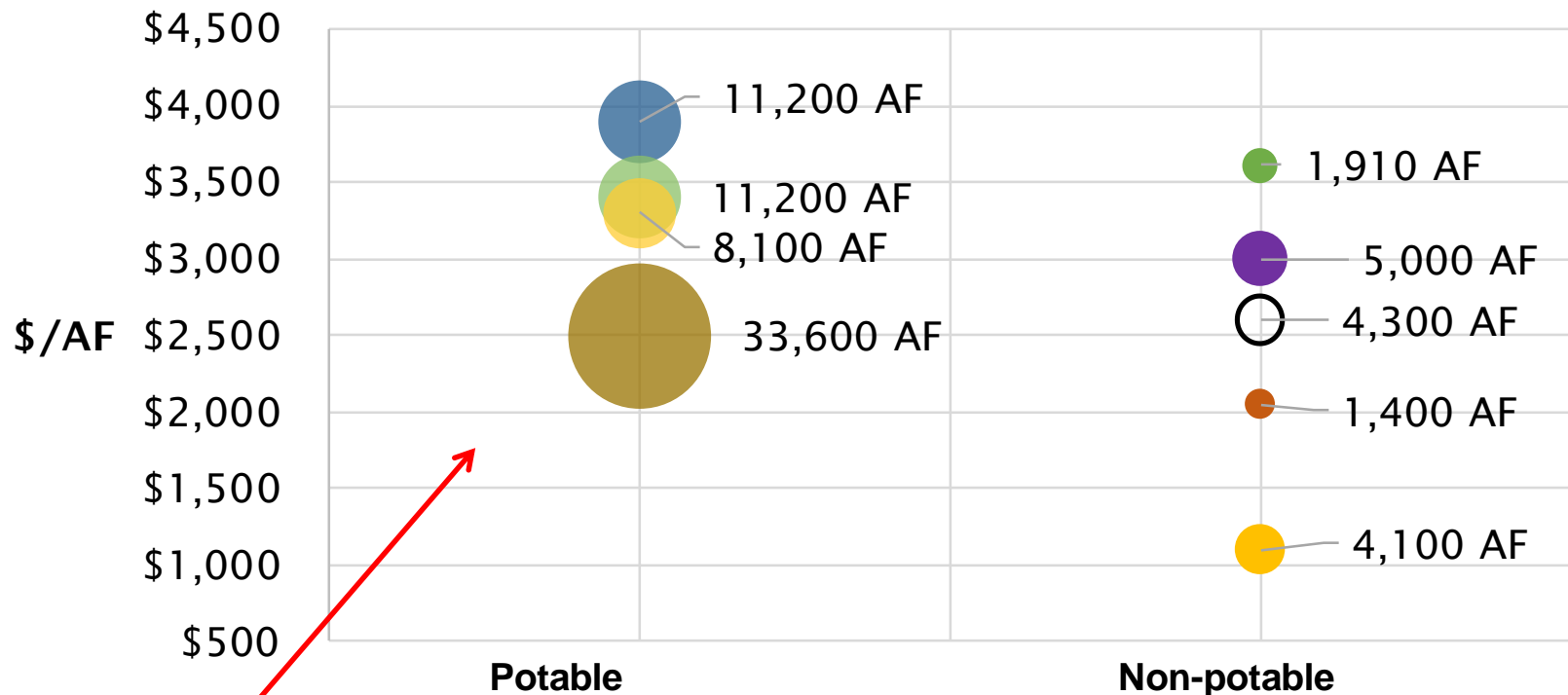




# Highest Scoring Potable Reuse Alternatives



# Cost of Potable vs Non-Potable



Costs do NOT include necessary wastewater treatment plant upgrades

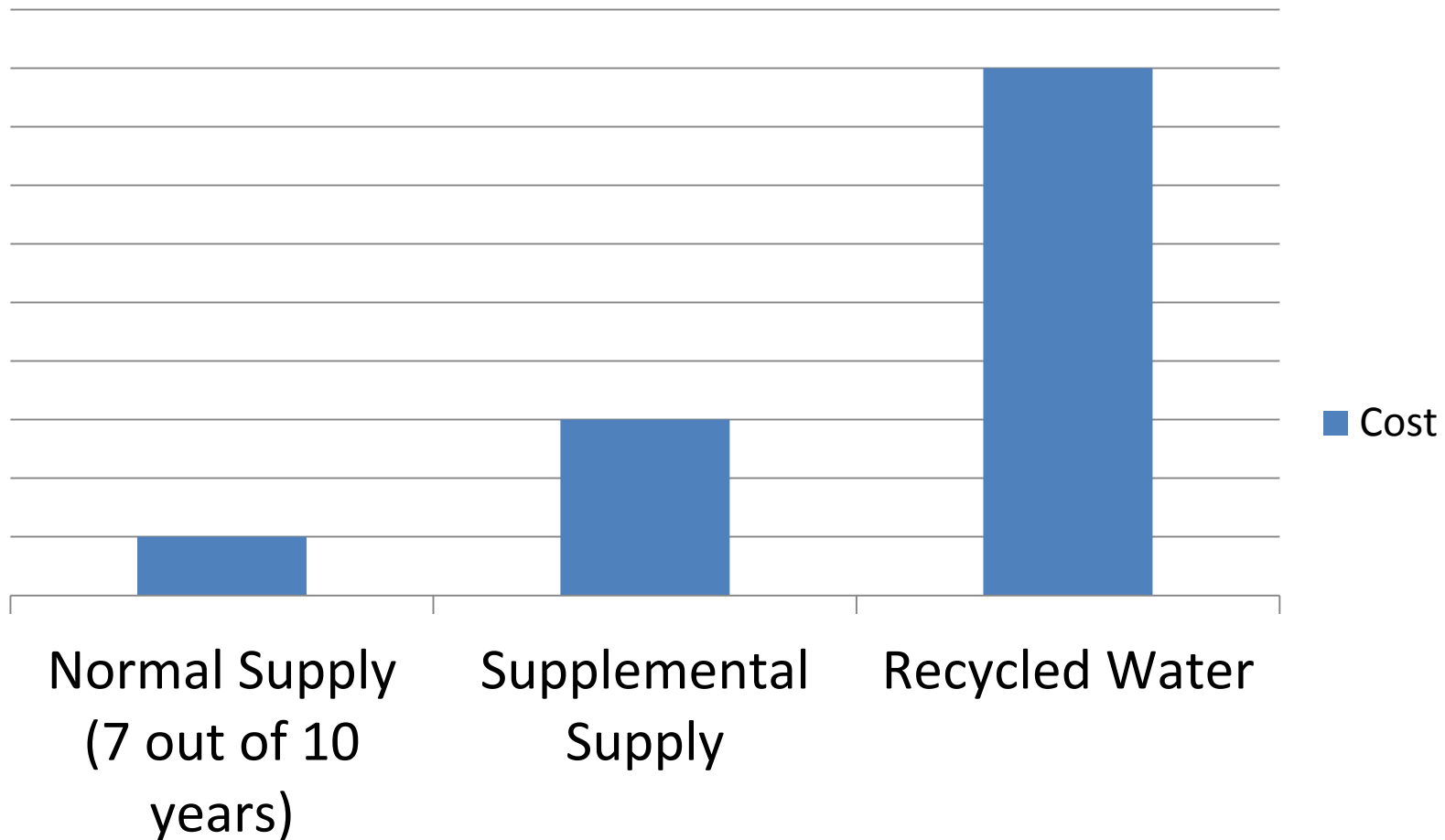
- 10 MGD Reservoir Aug.
- 30 MGD Reservoir Aug.
- Treated Water Aug.
- Groundwater Aug.

- All Satellite Projects
- East Bayshore
- Chevron
- Phillips 66
- DERWA

# Relative Cost of Recycled Water



\$ /unit of water



# Pros & Cons of Potable Reuse



## PROS

- No need for dual distribution system
- Reduced risk of stranded assets
- Single project can yield >20 MGD
- Economies of scale

## CONS

- Large size, significant up front capital costs
- Significant \$/AF, especially as compared to cost of supplemental drought year supplies
- Customer acceptance not yet certain



# Master Plan Evaluation Summary



- No projects are economically advantageous at this time
- No driver to increase current 20 MGD goal
  - Water supply needs can be met by less costly alternative sources, especially given limited dry year needs
- District's Recycled Water Program driven by social and environmental more than economic factors

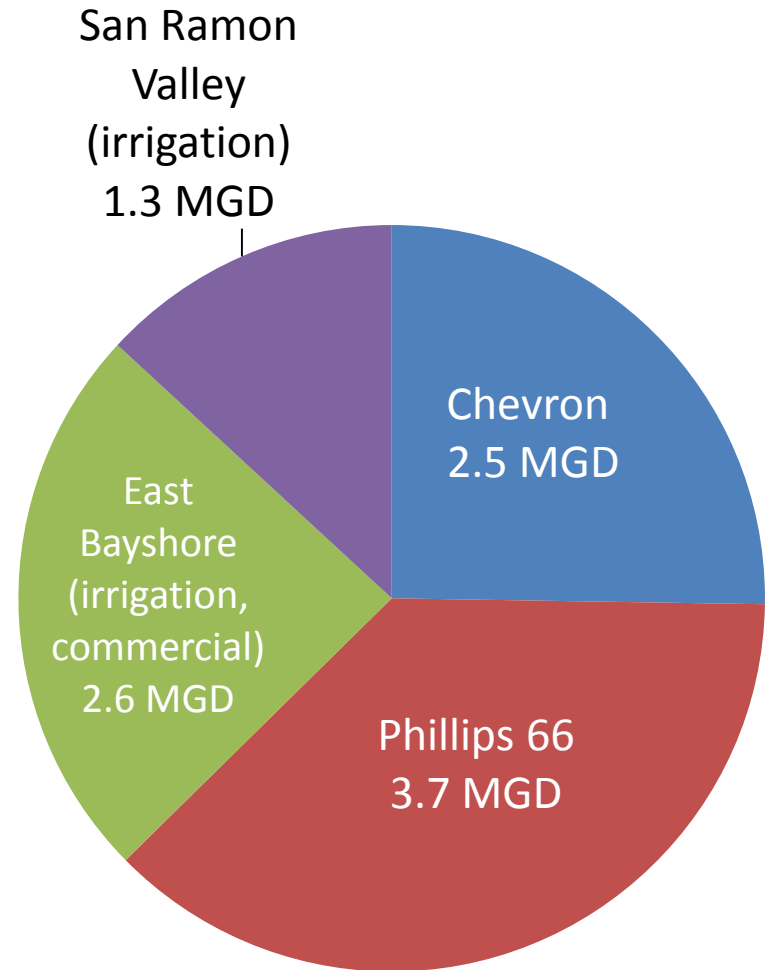
## *Conclusions of the Master Plan Update*

- Maintain 20 MGD goal for 2040
- Implement Recommended Non-Potable Reuse projects
- Continue to track regulations and other projects
- Monitor & identify changing water supply conditions
- Re-Evaluate Potable Reuse in approximately 5 years

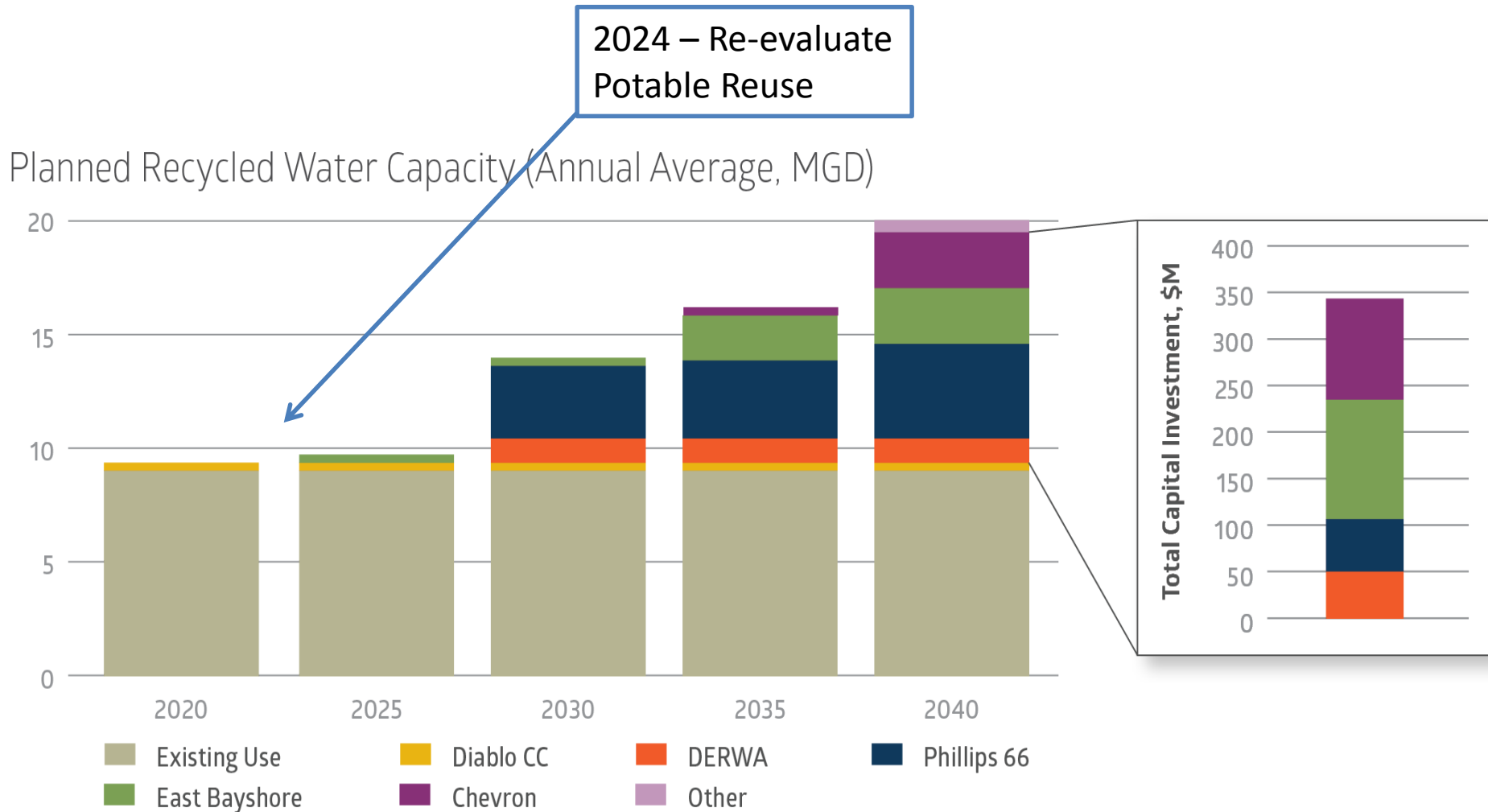
# Recommended Non-Potable Projects



- 1 new project
- 3 expansions
- Support on-site reuse
- 10+ MGD new capacity
- > \$300 million in capital costs over 20 years



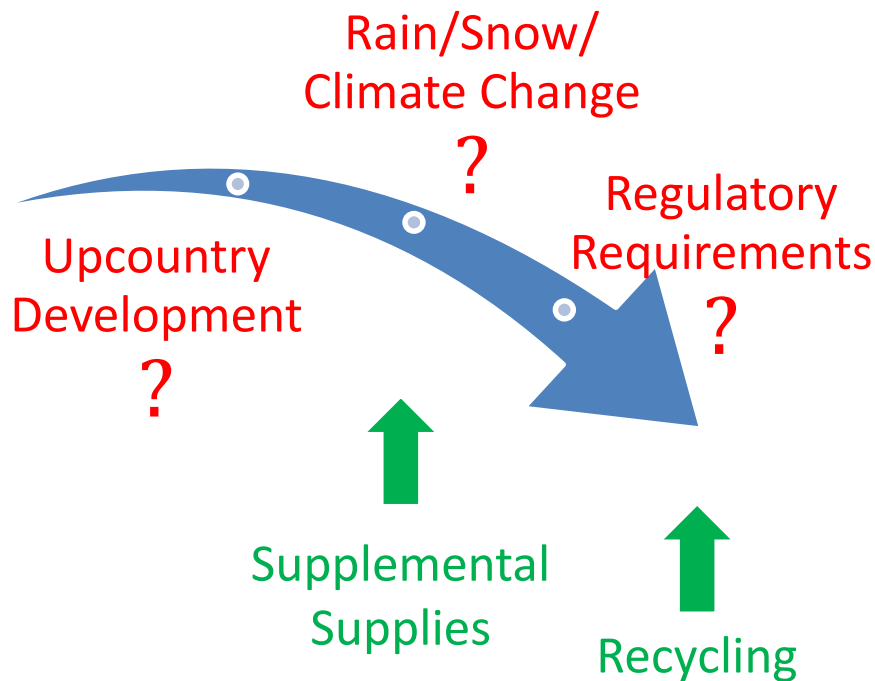
# Estimated Project Phasing



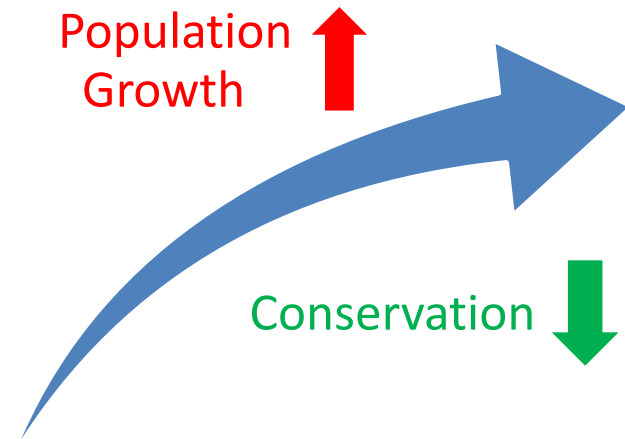
# Potential Triggers for Potable Reuse



## Supply



## Demand



*Potable reuse may be a future tool to provide long-term water supply reliability.*



# Final Master Plan Update 2019



- July 2018 - Board workshop
- October 2018 - January 2019: Outreach and meetings with stakeholders (agencies, cities, customers, environmental groups)
- January 2019 - Release of draft report and public workshop
- February 2019 - Completed master plan update
- <https://ebmud.com/recycledwater>

Comments/Questions?