



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

Date: April 22, 2009
Case No.: 2005.1912E
Project Title: Natural Areas Management Plan
Project Size: 1,105 acres
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Fragments of unique plant and animal habitats within San Francisco and Pacifica, known as Significant Natural Resource Areas (Natural Areas), have been preserved within parks that are managed by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD). In the late 1990s, the SFRPD developed a Natural Areas Program to protect and manage these Natural Areas for the natural and human values they provide. The Natural Areas Program mission is to preserve, restore, and enhance the remnant Natural Areas and to promote environmental stewardship of these areas. On January 19, 1995, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission approved the first Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan (SNRAMP).

Over the course of several years, the SFRPD developed a new SNRAMP, with the final draft plan published in February 2006 and based on the 1995 plan. This SNRAMP contains detailed information on the biology, geology, and trails within 31 Natural Areas, 30 of which are in San Francisco and one (Sharp Park) is in Pacifica. The SNRAMP is intended to guide natural resource protection, habitat restoration, trail and access improvements, other capital projects, and maintenance activities over the next 20 years.

A detailed project description can be found in the Initial Study attached to this Notice of Preparation.

FINDING

This project may have a significant effect on the environment and an Environmental Impact Report is required. This determination is based upon the criteria of the State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15063 (Initial Study), 15064 (Determining Significant Effect), and 15065 (Mandatory Findings of Significance), and for the reasons documented in the Environmental Evaluation (Initial Study) for the project, which is attached.

PUBLIC SCOPING PROCESS

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9 and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15206, two public scoping meeting will be held to receive oral comments concerning the scope of the EIR. These meetings will be held on **Tuesday, May 12, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm** at **County Fair Building Auditorium in Golden Gate Park (9th Avenue and Lincoln Way)** and

Thursday, May 14, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Pedro Point Firehouse in Pacifica (1227 Danmann Avenue). Written comments will also be accepted at this meeting and until the close of business on May 26, 2009. Written comments should be sent to Bill Wycko, San Francisco Planning Department, Natural Areas Management Plan, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103.

If you work for a responsible State agency, we need to know the views of your agency regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering a permit or other approval for this project. Please include the name of a contact person in your agency.

April 20, 2009
Date


Bill Wycko
Environmental Review Officer