

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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Project Title: Public Park Improvements

Lead Agency: California Department of Parks and Recreation

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Project Location:

Park Unit: Eastshore State Park

District: Diablo Vista

County: Alameda

City/Nearest Community: Berkeley

Cross Streets: University Avenue and West Frontage Road

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy 180/580

Waterways: San Francisco Bay, Schoolhouse Creek, Strawberry Creek

Airports: none

Railways: Amtrak, Southern Pacific

Schools: 20

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP

Other Addendum

NEPA:

NOI

Other: Joint

Document

Negative Declaration

Draft EIR

Supplemental/Subsequent/Amendment

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Draft EIS

Final Document

Other _____

Not Applicable

Action:

General Plan

Management Plan

Area Development Plan

Acquisition Plan

General Plan Amendment

Resource Management Plan

OHV Grant

General Plan Update

Concession Development

Coastal Permit

Other facilities devel.

Development Type:

Campground

Day Use Area

Trails

Historical Structure

Utilities/Infrastructure

Other revegetation

Recreational

Administrative Area

Roads/Parking Areas

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetics/Visual

Flood Plain/Flooding

Schools/Universities

Water Quality

Agricultural Land

Forest Land/Fire Hazard

Septic Systems

Water Supply/Groundwater

Air Quality

Geologic/Seismic

Sewer Capacity

Wetland/Riparian

Archeological/Historical

Minerals

Soil Erosion /Grading

Wildlife

Coastal Zone

Noise

Solid Waste

Growth Inducing

Drainage/Absorption

Population/Housing

Toxic/Hazardous

Land Use

Economic/Jobs

Public Services/Facilities

Traffic/Circulation

Cumulative Effects

Fiscal

Recreation/Parks

Vegetation

Other

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Open Space, City of Berkeley General Plan 2003

Project Description:

The Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to make improvements to the Berkeley Meadow and Brickyard at Eastshore State Park. The following is a summary of the proposed work:

Berkeley Meadow Area

- Conduct hazardous material study and remediate as necessary.
- Remove debris.
- Enhance seasonal wetlands. Remove selected nonnative plants, revegetate with native plants, place fill in upland areas to improve drainage and to support trail system, and install fencing along perimeter and interior trails.
- Enhance the upland habitat.

- ◆ Conduct topographical and special status species surveys; identify native raptor nesting sites and other significant existing native wildlife use of the upland areas. Use results of surveys to refine draft vegetation management plan. Develop grading plan, based on the need to import fill into the upland area.
- ◆ Carry out phased removal of mature exotic trees, such as black acacia, and immature nonnative trees, such as eucalyptus saplings.
- ◆ Replant upland areas with locally native species.
- Establish a fenced trail system, approximately 7,500 feet in total length, and compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Perimeter trail and interior trail areas (except for the Virginia Street extension) will consist of an eight-foot-wide trail of stabilized soil, with shoulders of low-growing plantings extending the total available width to 12 feet. Construct pull-outs for maintenance vehicles at various locations along the interior trails, away from sensitive resources. The trail along the Virginia Street extension will be 12 feet in width to permit continued designation as an emergency evacuation route. Designate a large, fenced, central area as "authorized access only" to protect sensitive habitat and restoration areas.
- Install interpretive panels, regulatory signage, and entry monument.

Brickyard Area

- Conduct a hazardous materials survey.
- Conduct a facilities concept study, including a special status species survey, to determine appropriate facilities and use for the Brickyard.
- Prepare a development and facilities management plan for the introduction of recreation and visitor facilities to the Brickyard area. Operations to be considered should include park operations/visitor center; concessions such as a café/restaurant/deli and recreational equipment; restrooms; landscaping and recreational space, such as turf areas, picnic facilities, and seating; trails, such as a waterfront promenade along the west side of the Brickyard Spit to a vista point, an internal trail system for the area with the appropriate connections to external trails; a bird blind near the outlet of Strawberry Creek; parking for up to 200 cars; interpretive panels and displays; and entry monument signs.
- Install a modular office building, with utilities and parking. Structure will not exceed 24 feet wide by 60 feet long.
- Install benches, tables, and entry monument.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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Resources Agency

- Boating & Waterways
- Coastal Commission
- Coastal Conservancy
- Colorado River Board
- Conservation
- Fish & Game
- Forestry & Fire Protection
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Reclamation Board
- S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- Water Resources (DWR)

Business, Transportation & Housing

- Aeronautics
- California Highway Patrol
- CALTRANS District # _____
- Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
- Housing & Community Development

Environmental Protection Agency

- Air Resources Board
- California Waste Management Board
- SWRCB: _____
- Parks & Recreation
- Regional WQCB # 4 - (San Francisco Bay)

Food & Agriculture _____

Health & Welfare

_____ Health Services: _____

Independent Commissions & Offices

- Energy Commission
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Public Utilities Commission
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Other _____

State & Consumer Services

- General Services
- OLA (Schools)

Youth & Adult Corrections

- Corrections
- Youth Authority

Public Review Period

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