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A listing from the Association of Bay Area Governments of Projects Affecting The Nine-County San Francisco Bay Area

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Documents Received On Or After Saturday, February 28, 2009

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
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Contra Costa

Neg. Dec.

Rivulet Project

City of Clayton

David Woltering, AICP (925) 673-7300

The project site is located in the City of Clayton, on the west side of Oak Street between High and Center Streets. The project involves the re-development of two properties, which are currently developed, generally level, and serviced by utilities. The third parcel is an up-sloping undeveloped property with Mitchell Creek traversing the eastern edge of the parcel near the toe of slope. The proposed project involves the construction of a two-story mixed-use building incorporating a western-style frontage characteristic of architectural themes suggested in the Town Center Specific Plan. The first floor is comprised of approximately 7,000 square feet of retail commercial space with a 20-foot ceiling. The second floor includes seven (7) residential units. The residential units are one-bedroom and several of the units contain dens. A terrace is proposed on the creek (west) side of this second floor.

4/6/2009

Contra Costa

NOP

Hetfield Estates Subdivision

Town of Moraga Planning Department Lori Salamack

(925) 888-7043

The applicant is proposing a 7-lot subdivision with lots ranging in size from 41,826 square feet (.96 acre) to 51.45 acres. The largest parcel will be retained as permanent open space. A trail will be provided to allow public access into the open space and onto existing trails. Single-family houses will be constructed on the remaining six lots. A creek borders the northern property line, separating an existing residential neighborhood from the property. Hetfield Place will be extended across the creek to serve the six residences. The crossing will require a bridge. Grading will be required to create building pads, debris benches and to repair existing slides. Subdrains will be installed along the drainage benches to intercept runoff from upslope. A detention basin will be constructed to detain flows during a storm. The project site is currently vacant and was previously used for cattle grazing. It is designated as open space and must meet the criteria of the Moraga Open Space Ordinance (MOSO).

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
4/9/2009	Contra Costa		Draft EIR	Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Draft EIS/EIR	Contra Costa Water Contra Costa County Water District	Marguerite Naillon	(925) 688-8018

The Draft EIS/EIR considers four action alternatives and the No Project/No Action Alternative.

Alternative 1 includes reservoir expansion to 275 thousand acre-feet (TAF), a new Delta Intake and Pump Station, up to 19 miles of conveyance pipelines, an enlarged Transfer Facility; additional power supply facilities including a new substation; and recreation facilities. The other three alternatives include the same or fewer facility improvements than proposed under lternative 1.

- Alternative 1 – Expanded 275-TAF Reservoir, South Bay Connection, Environmental

Water Management and Water Supply Reliability Dual Emphasis

- Alternative 2 – Expanded 275-TAF Reservoir, South Bay Connection, Environmental

Water Management Emphasis

- Alternative 3 – Expanded 275-TAF Reservoir, No South Bay Connection, Environmental

Water Management Emphasis

- Alternative 4 – Expanded 160-TAF Reservoir, No South Bay Connection, Water Supply

Reliability Emphasis

This Draft EIS/EIR describes and evaluates the potential environmental, social and economic

effects of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project (reservoir expansion project). It analyzes the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the following resources: Delta hydrology and water quality, Delta fisheries and aquatic resources, earth resources, local hydrology, biological resources, land use, agriculture, transportation and circulation, air quality, noise, utilities and public service systems, hazardous materials and public health, visual/aesthetic resources, recreation, cultural and paleontological resources, socioeconomic effects, environmental justice, Indian Trust Assets, growth-inducing effects, and climate change. The project alternatives would result in significant adverse environmental impacts, after mitigation, to Important Farmland (up to 22 acres) and a potential movement corridor for the San Joaquin kit fox on the west side of the existing reservoir. The project would result in beneficial effects on Delta fisheries and aquatic resources under Alternatives 1, 2, and 4. Alternative 3, however, could result in significant adverse effects on Delta fisheries and aquatic resources.

	Napa		Notice	Notice of Completion - Silverado Trail Reorganization	LAFCO of Napa County	Keene Simonds	(707) 259-8645
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Annexation to the City of Napa

4/6/2009	San Francisco		Notice	Pulgas Balancing Reservoir Rehabilitation Project	San Francisco Planning Department	Carrie Dovzak	(415) 558-6378
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The San Francisco PUC is proposing the Pulgas Balancing Reservoir Rehabilitation Project (project or proposed project), located near the southern end of the Crystal Springs Reservoir in unincorporated San Mateo County. This underground reservoir was built in 1975 to keep a constant range of water in the Pulgas Tunnel during water conveyance. The reservoir is located near the Pulgas Water Temple, a monument to the 1934 completion of the Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct. The 565 foot by 565 foot reservoir, is surrounded by a paved access road.

4/9/2009	San Mateo		NOP	General Plan Update-City of San Carlos	City of San Carlos Community Development Department	Al Savay, AICP	(650) 802-4209
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The City of San Carlos is preparing the City of San Carlos General Plan Update as a comprehensive Update of the existing City of San Carlos General Plan, which dates from 1991. The EIR will provide an environmental assessment of the updated General Plan, which is expected to be completed in fall 2009 to guide future growth in the City through 2030. The overall purpose of the General Plan Update is to reorganize and revise the existing General Plan as necessary to create a policy framework that articulates a vision for the City's long term physical form and development, while preserving and enhancing the quality of life for San Carlos residents. The City of San Carlos General Plan will: * Identify broad community goals for the future of San Carlos, and * Identify specific policies and implementing actions that will allow goals to be met.

4/10/2009	Santa Clara		Notice	San Jose / Evergreen Community College District DSEIR	San Jose/Evergreen Community College District, Facilities-construction Mgmt-Operations	Rober Dias	(408) 270-6400
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Key Update components that were analyzed in the DSEIR include: *Updating of the San Jose City College Facilities Master Plan to the year 2021 * Relocation of the Baseball Field Complex along Leigh Avenue * Reduction/demolition of approximately 105,425 OGSF (Outside Gross Square Feet)/66,261 ASF (Assignable Square Feet) of Campus Facilities * Other changes to the Facilities Master Plan

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3/27/2009	Santa Clara		Notice	U.S. 101 Auxiliary Lanes Project	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Environ. Programs and Resources Mgmt.	Christina Jaworski	(408) 321-5789
<p>The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to improve traffic operations on U.S. 101 between State Route 85 in the City of Mountain View and Embarcadero Road in the City of Palo Alto by providing the following improvements: *Add auxiliary lanes between various interchanges to provide more room for vehicles to enter and exit the freeway. * Lengthen the second High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on U.S. 101 that connect directly to the HOV lanes on Route 85 to allow more room for merging and for the projected future increases in HOV demand volumes. *Modify ramps at various locations to increase storage capacity. *Install ramp metering at various locations to help traffic on U.S. 101 flow more freely during peak commute times.</p>							
4/6/2009	Santa Clara		Other	West San Carlos Mixed Use Project - City File No. PD09-006 & PD09-007 APN: 27720006	City of San Jose, Dept. of Planning, Buiding and Code Enforcement	Edward Schreiner	(408) 535-7800
<p>The above referenced project(PD09-006) is a Planned Development Permit to demolish existing commercial and residential structures, and to construct 218 attached single-family residences and 22,600 square feet for commercial uses on a 3.59 gross acres site locate at the southwest corner of West San Carlos Street and Meridian Avenue. (PD09-007) is a Vesting Planned Tentative Map to consolidated 10 parcels into one lot for residential and commercial uses on a 3.59 gross acre site located at the s/w corner of West San Carlos Street and Meridian Avenue, including properties along Page Street & Meridian within appx. 350' of W. San Carlos Street.</p>							
4/6/2009	Santa Clara		NOP	Linda Court Residences ("The Preserve at Ross Creek")	Town of Los Gatos Community Development Department	Sandy Baily	(408) 354-6873
<p>The project consists of a Planned Development approval to construct 7 single-family homes and demolish existing onsite structures. An existing single-family house and cottage have been partially demolished per the project approvals received in 2008. Project approvals include a request to change the zone from R-1:8 to R-1:8:PD (Planned Development Overlay) in order to allow seven residential lots. A lot line adjustment between the two project parcels is proposed in order to create the 2.32-acre project site as further described below. In accordance with Town regulations, the PD overlay must be approved prior to the filing and consideration of a subdivision map. Thus, the project's proposed tentative subdivision map for a seven-lot subdivision would be considered by the Town after approval of the PD rezoning. A separate Architecture and Site Application also will be required for review and approval of specific architectural details.</p>							
4/8/2009	Solano		Neg. Dec.	Brown Bear Natural Gas Exploration Project	Solano County Department of Resource Management	Birgitta Corsello	(707) 784-6765
<p>The proposed Venoco Brown Bear project is located on Grizzly Island in the Primary Management Area of the Suisun Marsh and is approximately 5 miles south of Suisun City. The site is comprised of five Assessor Parcels which total approximately 2685 acres. As documented in the wetland delineation report (Appendix 6.4), the project area includes wetlands, levees, waterways and other upland areas. The site is bordered to the south by Suisun Bay and to the north and west by Montezuma Slough. The remainder of Grizzly Island lies to the east. With the exception of levees, berms and drainage ditches, the project areas is flat, demonstrating slopes of less than 6%. As documented in the biological assessment (Appendix 6.3), six major vegetation communities are within the project areak which include: California annual grassland, fresh emergent wetland, saline emergent wetland, riverine, ruderal/disturbed and eucalyptus.</p>							
4/8/2009	Solano		Notice	Venoco Brown Bear Drill Site Use Permit Application No. U-08-19. Draft Negative Declaration	Solano County Department of Resource Management	Eric Wilberg	
<p>Use Permit Application No. U-08-19 of Venoco to drill three exploratory natural gas wells over a four year period from the proposed Brown Bear Drill Site. If economical quantities of natural gas are scovered, Venoco would install a small satellite production facility northwest of the well pad. The project is located in the primary Management Area of the Suisun Marsh, approximately 5 miles south of the City of Suisun in an "M-P" Marsh Preservation Zoning District, APN: 0046-200-020.</p>							
3/26/2009	Solano		Neg. Dec.	Solano Meadows and Solano Valley Subdivisions	County of Solano, Department of Resource Management	Jim Leland	(707) 784-6765
<p>The applicant proposes to subdivide the approximately 309-acre site of vacant agricultural/grazing land into 15 lots ranging in size from 20.0 acres to 25.45 acres that will accommodate 15 residential units, 15 potential accessory dwelling units, water storage tanks for fire suppoession purposes, individual septic systems and individual wells. The building envelopes will be located on slopes less than 15%. Specifically the Solano Meadows parcel approximately 154.07 acres, will be subdivided into seven parcels. An existing County road serves the project site which will require resurfacing and other improvements to meet County and Fire Safety standards. Private roads will serve the proposed seven lots. Future driveway connections to each individual lot will be provided and designed to meet County and Fire District Standards. The Solano Valley parcel, approximatley 155.88 acres, will be subdivided into eight lots. Private roads will serve the proposed eight lots. A secondary emergency access road is proposed within a 60' access easement along the southerly property line which extends easterly to intersect, with Winters Road. The secondary emergency access road will require improvements to meet County and Fire Safety standards. The estimate amount of site grading or soil disturbance is approximately 15,000 cubic yards used in the cut and fill for the road improvements and driveways. The cut and fill will be balanced on site. (See Figures 2 and 3. Tentative map).</p>							

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4/9/2009	Sonoma		Notice	Notice of Proposed Use of Federal Funds for Projects Located in a Flood Zone	Sonoma County Community Development Commission	Gary Tabbert	

The project will be comprised of the construction of up to 2100 linear feet of new ADA-compliant sidewalk along the eastern side of Grove Street. Construction of the sidewalk will connect residents of Oakgrove Apartments to Dry reek Road. The presence of Foss Creek along Grove Street places this project in the 100-year floodplain for approximately 1,000 linear feet.

4/6/2009	Sonoma		Notice	Downtown Specific Plan EIR	City of Cotati Community Development Department	Keri Pajon	(707) 665-3638
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The DSP is a comprehensive plan for the extended Downtown. The DSP provides the overall framework for translating broad community values and expectations into specific strategies for enhancing the community's quality of life. In addition, the DSP contains estimate of future population, housing and employment that will serve as the basis for infrastructure and service planning. The DSP includes development standards and design guidelines for new development within the Downtown area. The overall DSP project includes General Plan Amendments as part of the project and amendment of the Land Use Code to include subdistricts, zoning map changes, and the development code regulations (exclusive of the design guidelines). The DSP will be reviewed and updated from time to time to respond to changing circumstances and new opportunities.

4/13/2009	Sonoma		Draft EIR	City of Cotati Downtown Specific Plan	City of Cotati Community Development Department		(707) 665-3638
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The CEQA Guidelines (§15124) require that a sufficiently detailed project description be provided to allow meaningful analysis of the project's impacts. The project evaluated in this Draft EIR is the adoption and implementation of the Cotati Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) including the maps, goals, policies, and financing plan proposed. The project includes amendments to the City's General Plan, amendments to the City's Land Use Code, including the zoning map, and repeal of the La Plaza Specific Plan. Pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines §15124, the project description in this chapter contains the following:

- Location and characteristics (i.e., existing conditions) of the project area.
- The project's planning background and development process.
- Statement of objectives (including purpose of project).
- General description of the function and highlights of the proposed DSP.
- Statement of the EIR's intended use and discretionary actions required for the project.

The level of detail contained in the project description is guided by CEQA Guidelines §15124, which states that the project description should include the above, "...but should not supply extensive detail beyond that needed for evaluation and review of the environmental impact." The project description, therefore, need not be exhaustive, but should be accurate, stable and finite, to the best of the lead agency's ability. This EIR incorporates the entire DSP by reference. The DSP and other reference materials (including the General Plan and Land Use Code) are available for review at City Hall.