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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 Friday, May 01, 2009

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
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6/10/2009	Alameda		NOP	Environmental Assessment for The BELLA Laser Acquisition, Installation and Use for Research and Development (LBNL)	Department of Energy - Office of Schience - Berkeley Site Office	Gary Hartman	(865) 576-0273
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The proposed Project would create and experimental facility for advancing the development of laser-driven plasma-based acceleration. An existing, approximately 8,000 square foot accelerator laboratory area inside Building 71 at LBNL would be modified. A Petawatt-class laser (the proposed BELLA laser), ancillary equipment, and concrete shileding would be installed. The BELLA laser system would be used for research and development that would focus the BELLA laser system's short, intense pulses of laser radiation on a meter-scale plasma column to produce electron beams and subsequently accelerate these beams to energies of order 10 billion electron-volts (GeV).

	Alameda		Notice	East-West Connector Project	Alameda County Transportation Authority		
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The East-West Connector Project (proposed project) is a 3.0-mile roadway project that would provide improved east-west access between I-880 on the west and Mission Boulevard on the east in south Alameda County. The proposed project would achieve this objective by widening existing roadways and constructing a new roadway segment. The proposed project would also provide 8 bike lanes and sidewalks or trails along its entire length, so upon completion 9 there would be a continuous bike and pedestrian corridor from just east of I-880 10 to Mission Boulevard.

5/29/2009	Alameda		General Plan	City of Pleasanton - Draft General Plan	City of Pleasanton	Janice Stern	(925) 931-5606
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The 2005-2025 General Plan consists of 13 elements which include the seven state-required elements as well as elements addressing public facilities and community programs, water, air quality, enery, community charater, economic and fiscal matters, and subregional planning. The Housing Element was adopted in April 2003 and was not amended. The proposed General Plan would provide guidance for development and conservation within the Planning Area to a planning horizon of 2025.

6/5/2009	Contra Costa		Notice	Mead Street By-Pass Road Project	City of Richmond Planning Department	Jonelyn Whales	(510) 620-6785
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The city of Richmond has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Mead Street By-Pass Road project located at the intersection of Meade Street and Regatta Boulevard in the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County. Surrounding land uses include light industrial buildings and a business park to the west, the Richmond Rield Station owned by the University of California to the south and the I-580 freeway to the north and east. The area is also transected by Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
5/29/2009	Contra Costa		Notice	City of Pittsburg Housing Element, 2007-2014 and Related Zoning Text Amendments April 30, 2009	City of Pittsburg, Planning division	Leigha Schmidt	(925) 252-4814

As part of the city of Pittsburg 2020 General Plan the City of Pittsburg (City) has prepared the Draft Housing Element for the planning period 2007 - 2014. The Draft Housing Element is a State-mandated document that is intended to maintain, preserve, improve, and develop housing opportunities for all segments of the community. Pursuant to State law, the Draft Housing Element contains quantified objectives for the development of housing in the City (Regional Housing Needs Assessment); market and demographic information; an analysis of special needs populations; existing and potential constraints and opportunities to the development of housing within the City; and, goals, policies and programs to support the development of affordable housing within the City. Zoning amendments necessary to implement the proposed Housing Element include changes to allowable residential uses within various zoning districts, allowing emergency shelters "by right" in the Service commercial (CS) District, and the addition of "supportive housing" as a new use classification. Refer to Sections II and III of the Initial Study for a detailed and complete project description.

	Contra Costa		Neg. Dec.	Coscol Petroleum Corporation Marine Terminal Deconstruction and Pipeline Abandonment Project	California State Lands Commission	Chris Beckwith	(510) 741-4950
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Coscol Petroleum Corporation/El Paso Company (formerly Pacific Refining company/El Paso Company), seeks authorization from the CSLC to terminate leases PRC 3414.1 and to: Remove the existing Coscol Marine Oil Terminal (MOT), located in San Pablo Bay, that was used for loading and unloading crude oil and petroleum products during operation of the Pacific Refinery (now removed); execute an Abandonment Agreement for the abandonment in place of approximately 1.4 miles of submerged and buried petroleum transfer pipelines and utility conduits that connected the MOT to the Refinery; and abandon in place approximately 160 feet of transfer pipelines, utility conduits and a vault on the Hercules shoreline. The Refinery was built in 1966 and operated for 31 years, ceasing operations in 1997. The land-based portion of Refiner was decommissioned, dismantled, remediated, and sold to Pacific Properties in 1997. New Pacific Properties redeveloped the site for housing, a school, commercial use, and open space. The MOT and submerged pipelines in San Pablo Bay were decommissioned and have been under caretaker status since 1997.

6/9/2009	San Francisco		Notice	Riprap and seawall repair at Sector San Francisco, Yerba Buena Island - Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment	United States Department of Homeland Security / United States Coast Guard	Patricia Reed, CDM	(303) 383-2454
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The proposed project would repair the revetment by placing an armor layer on top of the existing, reworked riprap and placing grout mattresses in necessary areas. In certain areas, a core stone will need to be added to achieve the desired slope and revetment elevation. The revetment will need to be keyed in below the low water line to prevent scour and undercutting. A hole in the seawall face that has resulted in a sinkhole near the travel lift will be repaired by removing the pavement, patching the hole and replacing the pavement. In that same area, the base of the seawall has some scour that will be patched with concrete.

6/9/2009	San Francisco		Notice	246 Ritch Street - Notice of Project Receiving Environmental Review	San Francisco Planning Department	Jessica Range	(415) 575-9018
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The approximately 4,129 square foot (sf) project site is located mid-block along Ritch Street, between Bryant and Brannan Streets within the East South of Market (East SoMa) neighborhood. The proposed project includes demolition of an existing vacant shed, totaling 16,442 gross square feet (gsf). The project includes a ground floor parking garage for five off-street parking spaces. Floors 2 through 5 would contain 19 SRO units. Each unit would have a private deck or terrace ranging between 20 sf to 380 sf, with additional common open space provided on the rooftop. The project site is located in the Service/Light Industrial (SLI) use district, and within a 55-X height and bulk district. Pursuant to the San Francisco Planning code, the proposed project requires Conditional Use authorization from the Planning Commission to construct SRO units within the SLI use district and for providing parking spaces in excess of the allowable number of accessory parking spaces.

5/29/2009	SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY		NOP	North Beach Public Library and Joe DiMaggio Playground Master Plan Project	San Francisco Planning Department	Bill Wycko	(415) 575-9033
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The project sponsors, the San Francisco Public Library and Recreation and Park Department, propose to demolish the existing North Beach Branch Library and construct a new library and upgrade recreational facilities at the Joe DiMaggio Playground. The project site comprises two parcels and the Mason Street right-of-way on a site bounded by Lombard Street to the north, Powell Street to the east, Greenwich Street to the south and Columbus Avenue to the west in San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood. Assessor's Block 74, Lot 001 is a triangular parcel surface parking at 701 Lombard Street. Assessor's block 75, Lot 001 is an irregularly shaped parcel at 2000 Mason Street / 661 Lombard Street that comprises library and recreation space. The project's first phase would involve full or partial vacation of a portion of Mason Street to vehicular traffic, landscaping improvements in the former Mason Street right-of-way, construction of a new 8,500 sf branch library on the 701 Lombard Street parcel and a portion of the right-of-way, and demolition of the existing library. The project's second phase would include excavation, renovation and reorganization of the playground features. The project would result in a total net increase of approximately 3,200 sf of library floor area and about 12,100 sf of new open space. The project would require rezoning of Block 74, Lot 001 to a Public (P) use designation, General Plan and Priority Policy conformity findings, as well as approval by the Library and Recreation and Park Commission, Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
6/4/2009	SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY		NOP	114 7th Street Mixed-Use Project	San Francisco Planning Department	Bill Wycko	(415) 558-6378

The proposed project would involved construction of two new mixed-use, residential-commercial buildings after demolition of two buildings and a parking lot on two non-contiguous parcels in the South of Market Area (SoMa). Figures 1 and 2 show the Project vicinity and 1st Level Floor Plans, respectively. One lot (Assessor's Block/Lot: 3727/001; 114 7th Street) is on the west side of 7th Street with street frontages on Mission Street on its north side, and Minna Street on its south side. The approximately 22,125 square-foot lot (the west site) is within the Service/Light Industrial/Residential (SLR) District and a 65-X Height and Bulk District. In addition, it is in the proposed Western South of Market (Western SoMa) Area.

6/15/2009	San Mateo		Notice	South San Francisco Housing Element (P08-0027 & ND08-0002)	City of South San Francisco Department of Economic and Community Development	Gerry Beaudin	(650) 877-8535
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In accordance with State law, the City of South San Francisco proposes to adopt a General Plan Amendment for the 2007-2014 Housing Element as part of the city's General Plan. An updated Housing Element is required of each city in the State of California to address the housing needs of all residents, in all income leveles, over the planning period. The city's previous Housing Element was adopted in December 2002.

5/28/2009	Santa Clara		NOP	State Route 9 Safety Improvement Project	California Department of Transportation	Haiyan Zhang	(510) 286-6454
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This project proses to construct improvements at three spot locations. The improvements include: improving sight distance; upgrading the existing lanes and shoulders; increasing the super-elevation; installing metal beam guardrails; and placing warning signs. To accommodate these improvements, the existing slope would be cut back and soil nail retaining walls would be constructed.

	Sonoma		NOP	Rohnert Park Walmart Extension Project	City of Rohnert Park	Maureen Rich	(707) 588-2211
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The proposed project consists of the expansion and alteration of the existing Wlmart store. The project would include the addition of apporximately 35,256 square feet of building area to the existing store. For the purposes of providing a conservative evaluation of project impacts, the EIR will analyze the additional square footage at 40,260 square feet, which is 3 percent larger than the anticipated expansion square footage. Table 1 summarizes the Walmart square footage. The project site plan is shown in Exhibit 3.