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

Guide to Listing: Project applications shown in the Newsletter are received and published monthly to notify local governments and other parties about programs requiring intergovernmental review and projects of special significance. For more information, call either the ABAG Clearinghouse at (510) 464-7993 or the contact person.

Documents Received On Or After Tuesday, November 01, 2011

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
1/3/2012	MULTI-COUNTY		Notice	2012 Delta Plan	Delta Stewardship Council	Terry Macaulay	(916) 445-0144

The draft Delta Plan generally covers five topic areas and goals: increased water supply reliability, restoration of the Delta ecosystem, improved water quality, reduced risks of flooding in the Delta, and protection and enhancement of the Delta as an evolving place. Through the Delta Plan, however, the Council does not propose or contemplate constructing, owning or operating any facilities related to these five topic areas. Rather, the Delta Plan sets forth regulatory policies, and recommendations, that seek to influence the actions, activities and projects of cities, counties, and State, federal regional and local agencies toward meeting the goals in the five topic areas. Examples of the types of actions/activities the Delta Plan seeks to influence include, but are not limited to: new or expanded water storage reservoirs; wetlands and riparian restoration; invasive species management; water flow patterns in the Delta; water, wastewater, stormwater and agricultural runoff water treatment; levee modification and construction; floodplain expansion; new/improved active and passive recreation opportunities in the Delta

12/9/2011	MULTI-COUNTY		NOP	Peninsula Pipelines Seismic Upgrade Project - EIR	San Francisco Planning Department	Timothy Johnston	(415) 575-9035
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The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), operator of the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System, is proposing the Peninsula Pipelines Seismic Upgrade (PPSU) project (project or proposed project), which includes six project components at five different locations on the San Francisco Peninsula in San Mateo County, in the cities of Colma, South San Francisco, San Bruno and Millbrae. The proposed project consists of upgrades to three Regional Water System water transmission pipelines--San Andreas Pipeline No. 2 (SAPL2), San Andreas Pipeline No. 3 (SAPL3), and Sunset Supply Branch Pipeline (SSBPL) -- to increase pipeline reliability during potential seismic events. The proposed project is one of several pipeline and facility improvement projects that the SFPUC proposes to implement under the SFPUC's Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) to meet Regional Water System objectives and service goals.

12/21/2011	Alameda		NOP	Central Estuary Implementation Guide	City of Oakland Community and Economic Development Agency	Alicia Parker	(510) 238-3362
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The Draft CEIG is a 20-year planning document that would, if approved, modify or clarify land uses and associated densities within the Central Estuary area. As a companion to implement the recommendations of the (EPP). The majority of the areas is currently zoned for heavy industrial uses, although given the evolution of residential, commercial, park, and office uses, simply perpetuating the heavy industrial designation is no longer appropriate or viable. The Draft CEIG proposes to maintain existing industrial uses while allowing for an increment of new commercial, residential, and office development in appropriate locations. Implementation of the CEIG requires changes to general plan maps and the zoning code; the development of design guidelines to reconcile conflicting land use priorities, and the implementation of the transportation improvements to address infrastructure deficiencies.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
1/3/2012	Alameda		Notice	Berkeley Iceland Adaptive Reuse Project (2727 Milvia Street) DEIR	City of Berkeley Plannind and Development Department Land Use Planning Div.	Leslie Mendez	(510) 981-7426

The Berkeley Iceland Adaptive Reuse project proposes to Rehabilitate the 53,334 square-foot Berkeley Iceland building consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation and convert the building to commercial retail use.

The adaptation of the structure would include the removal of the existing internal and external earthen berms to accommodate off-street parking and interior improvements including the removal of the wood bleachers and construction of the two interior mezzanine areas. The renovated building would include a total of 71,862 square feet of commercial retail space (including accessory office and storage areas). Approximately 5,196 square feet of the building would be available to host community events. The project proposes a total of 44 off-street vehicle parking spaces, two off-street loading spaces, 64 off-street bike parking spaces and an additional 40 employee bicycle parking spaces within the store.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR provides an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level. The potentially significant impacts that could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level with the implementation of City of Berkeley Standard Conditions of Approval and/or recommended mitigation measures are identified for the following topics in the Initial Study:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources (excluding historic resources)
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise

The following topics are evaluated in the Draft EIR, and include potentially significant impacts:

- Historic Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Transportation and Circulation

Impacts to greenhouse gas emissions can be mitigated to a less than significant impact; significant and unavoidable impacts are associated with historic resources and traffic. These significant and unavoidable impacts remain unavoidable as the mitigation measures identified would not reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level.

The project site is not listed on the Cortese List, Govt. Code Section 65962.5.

ALTERNATIVES: The CEQA Guidelines require analysis of a range of reasonable alternatives to the project, or to the location of the project, which would feasibly attain most of the project's basic objectives and avoid, or substantially lessen, any of the significant effects of the project. The range of alternatives required in an EIR is governed by a "rule of reason" that requires the EIR to set forth only those alternatives necessary to permit a reasoned choice. The Draft EIR analyzes the following three alternatives: 1) No Project/No Build Alternative; 2) No Project/Ice Skating Rink Refurbishment Alternative; and 3) Retail/Maintain Earthen Berms Alternative.

12/7/2011	Alameda		Neg. Dec.	Tri-Cities Recycling & Disposal Facility Final Re-use Plan	City of Fremont Community Development Department - Planning Division	Stephen Kowalski	(510) 494-4532
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The project consists of an application for a Preliminary Grading Plan, a General Plan Amendment from Agriculture to General Industrial, and a Rezoning from Agricultural 2/Flood Comgining District [A(F)] and Planned District P-2005-262(F) to a new Planned District which would allow a medical waste processing facility, mulch processing and sales of finished products, concrete recycling and sales of finished products, and other associated waste disposal and recycling services at the former Tri-Cities Recycling and Disposal Facility (now referred to as Tri-Cities Resource Recovery Facility).

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11/30/2011	Alameda		Notice	Geary Road Bridge Replacement Project	San Francisco Planning Department	Steven Smith	(415) 558-6373
<p>The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) proposes to replace the existing Geary Road Bridge with a new bridge at the existing location to accommodate current load requirements and eliminate the need for a low water crossing. The proposed project is on SFPUC property in unincorporated Alameda County, within the Sunol Regional Wilderness. The existing bridge is located on Geary Road, where it crosses Alameda Creek. The bridge alignment is apporximately 6 miles south of the intersection of Calaveras Road and Geary Road. The nearest community is the town of Sunol, located approximately 7 miles north of the project site. Access to the existing bridge is controlled by locked gates.</p>							
12/1/2011	ALAMEDA COUNTY		Neg. Dec.	2598-2600 SHATTUCK AVENUE & 2037 PARKER STREET	City of Berkeley Planning Dept.	Aaron Sage, AICP. S	
<p>Zoning District: C-SA (South Area Commercial), R-2A (Restricted Multiple-Family Resiential) General Plan Designation: Avenue commercial, Medium Density Residential Location: 2598-2600 Shattuck avenue & 2037 Parker Street, Berkeley, CA 94703; Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 055-182000101, 055-182100500, 055-182100600, and 055-182100700</p>							
	Marin		IS	Trestle Glen Circle Residential Development	Tow of Tiburon Community Development Department	Daniel Watrous	(415) 435-7393
<p>The 14.46 acre project site is located within the Town of Tiburon. It is located apporximately 0.2 miles east of the intersection of Trestle Glen Boulevard and Tiburon Boulevard and has about 1,600 feet of frontage on the south side of Trestle Glen Boulevard. The Trestle Glen Circle projet would create three residential lots ranging in size from 4.69 ares to 4.82 acres. Each lot would be developed with one signle-family detached house, basement, auto garage, and accessory structures and uses.</p>							
12/9/2011	SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY		NOP	Transit Effectiveness Project	San Francisco Planning Department	Debra Dwyer	(415) 575-9031
<p>In an effort to make Muni service more convenient, reliable and attractive to existing and potential customers, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and the San Francisco Office of the Controller have launched a comprehensive detailed analysis of existing travel patterns and a review of service options. The resultant Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) represents the first major review of transit service provision in San Francisco since the late 1970s. Although the TEP is called the Transit Effectieness Project, the TEP is a program within SFMTA that is comprised of individual projects or categories of projects proposed for the Muni System. The TEP proposals include a series of service improvements and concurrent necessary captial investments designed to improve safety and service reliability and reduce travel time. The TEP is comprised of four major categories: service policy frameowrk, service improvements, service-related capital projects, and travel time reduction proposals.</p>							
12/1/2011	SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY		Notice	FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS	office of Housing, City and County of San Francisco	Eugene Flannery	
<p>The proposed project will include the demolition of the existing Booker T. Washington Community Center. The new community center will include 13,220 sf of program space and a 7,506-sf and 50 units of housing encompassing 32,021 sq ft.</p>							
12/12/2011	SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY		Notice	Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, Draft EIR	San Francisco Planning Department	Don Lewis	(415) 575-9095

The project sonsor, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, is proposing the renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility, an approxitely 9.4 acre public sports field facility located at 1500 John F. Kennedy Drive, along the wester edge of Golden Gate Park. The Athletic Fields currently include four grass turf athletic fields surrounded by an 8 foot tall metal chain link fence, and approximately 25,320 square foot, 50 space asphalt parking lot (including one disabled accessible space), a restroom building, and a cargo container being used as a maintenance shed. The project would include replacing the existing grass turf fields with synthetic turf, installing field lighting, renovating the existing restroom building, installing pplayer benches and seating, and completing other modification for parking, circulation, and spectator amenities to imjprove the overall conditions of the facility and increase the aount of play time available on the athletic fields. With project implementation, the project site would remain in its current use as an athletic field complex within an urban park.

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	SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY		Draft EIR	Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit Project	San Francisco County Transportation Authority	Rachel Hiatt	

BRT is a new mode of transit in San Francisco and represents a package of features that together create rapid and reliable transit service for the benefit of passengers along a given corridor, and the transit system as a whole. The Van Ness Avenue BRT Project includes: Dedicated buss lanes; Level boarding; Consolidated transit stops; High-quality stations; Platform Proof of Payment; Traffic signal optimization; Transit signal priority (TSP); Fewer left-turn pocket lanes; Pedestrian safety enhancements.

1/13/2012	Santa Clara		Draft EIR	City of Mountain View Draft 2030 General Plan and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program EIR	City of Mountain View Community Development Department	Stephanie Williams	(650) 903-6306
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Draft 2030 General Plan. The Draft 2030 General Plan, which is the City of Mountain View's fundamental land use and development policy document, is intended to guide development throughout the entire City. The Draft General Plan would supersede the existing General Plan, which was adopted in 1992, and was subject to subsequent additions and amendments. The purpose of the Drft General Plan is to guide community development, preservation, and environmental conservation in the City through 2030. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program (GGRP). The GGRP is both a policy document and an implementation tool for the General Plan; it contains goals, policies, performance standards, and implementation measures for achieving GSG emissions reductions in the City of Mountain View. These emissions reductions will contribute to the Statewide GHG reduction targets of Assembly Bill (AB) 32 (Global Warming Solutions Act), which calls for Statewide GHG emission reductions to 1990 levels by 2020.

12/14/2011	Solano		Notice	Army Base Zone District and Army Base Zone District Design Guidelines (Mitigate Neg. Dec)	City of Rio Vista	David Melilli	(707) 374-6451
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The City of Rio Vista proposes to adopt an Ordinance establishing Design Guidelines to provide long-term guidance, and standards for development of the Army Base Project located on a 28-acre site bordered by the Sacramento River, Beach Drive, south of the Delta Marina and north of the U.S. Coast Guard Station.

12/5/2011	Sonoma		Draft EIR	Reunification of Courthouse Square Project - Tiered EIR	City of Santa Rosa-Community Development Department	Gillian Hayes, City PI	(707) 543-4348
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The project involves removing one block of Mendocino Avenue between Third Street and Fourth Street, and reuniting Courthouse Square. Peripheral roadways on the east and west side of the square may also be reintroduced to allow limited vehicular access and parking adjacent to businesses bordering the Square. The project would involve implementation of the SWA Group's awardwinning design that proposes to create a 'Great Central Place' with a light arbor and water wall fountain. Garden areas with trees would be planted on both sides of the central place and some of the existing trees such as the historic bunya-bunya tree and some redwoods would be preserved as part of the proposed new design. Four pavilions would be built to provide areas for small gatherings. Panels from the existing asawa fountain, steps from the original Courthouse, and the Rosenberg Plaque that is currently mounted at the Rosenberg fountain would also be retained and incorporated into the new design.

11/16/2011	SONOMA COUNTY		Notice	NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS.	Sonoma County Community Development Commission	Kathleen Kane, Exec	
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THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS KNOW AS KINGS VALLEY SENIOR APARTMENTS REHABILITATION PROJECT LOCATED AT 100 KINGS CIRCLE, CLOVERDALE, CA (APN 116-330-001). THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF REHABILITATION TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR RESIDENTS CONSISTING OF, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING: NEW BUILDING ROOFDS, NEW WINDOWS AND SLIDING GLASS DOORS, DECK AND PATIO REPAIRS, WATER INTRUSION REPAIRS, NEW SITE LIGHTING, SITE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS, CONVERSION OF FIVE UNITS TO ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS AND EXTERIOR PAINT AND REPAIRS. THE PROPOSED PROJECT INVOLVES REHABILITATION OF AN EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS.

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This is to give notice that the Sonoma County Community Development Commission has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with Title 24-Housing and Urban Development-Part 55-Floodplain Management--Subpart C-Procedures for Making Determinatins on Floodplain Management to determine the potential affect that an activity in the floodplain will have on the enviroment.