

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PUBLIC HEARING

Board of Directors Approval: Tuesday, February 2, 2010
2:00 p.m. – EBRPD Headquarters, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA

PROJECT TITLE: RESTORATION OF ROBERT W. CROWN MEMORIAL STATE BEACH/
ALAMEDA BEACH

PROJECT LOCATION: CITY OF ALAMEDA, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has prepared a beach restoration plan to replenish sand at Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach/Alameda Beach, commonly known as Crown Beach, to its originally designed level by placing more than 82,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach in two phases (see figure, bottom left). The purpose of the project is to restore the beach to its original 1988 level to provide for continued shoreline erosion control and public recreational opportunities. Phase 1 of the project consists of placing up to 20,600 CY of sand and Phase 2 involves placing 62,000 CY of sand to complete the restoration project. Sand will be dredged from a commercial mining operation in San Francisco Bay and loaded onto a barge. The loaded barge will then anchor roughly a mile offshore from the project site and the dredged sand in slurry will be pumped onto Crown Beach through a pipeline attached to a slurry pump located onboard the barge. Once deposited onto the beach, grading equipment will spread the sand to conform back to the original beach footprint. In addition, the existing sheet pile groin located at the foot of Park Street will be extended inland by about 100 feet with either a sheet pile structure or rock rip-rap.

EBRPD intends to initiate Phase 1 of the project in September 2010; construction could last up to six weeks. Phase 2 will take up to 10 weeks to complete and either begin immediately after the completion of Phase 1 or in September 2011. Heavy equipment that generates high noise levels will be restricted to weekdays between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during limited construction periods. Portions of the beach where active sand placement and/or grooming occur will be temporarily closed to the public. Proposed construction access and staging will be located near the Park Street groin at the east end of the beach and next to the Otis Drive Parking Lot closer to beach's west end.

CEQA COMPLIANCE: EBRPD has prepared a proposed Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance for the beach restoration project. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration certifies that EBRPD has determined that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to be associated with the project, as a result of avoidance and mitigation measures that have been incorporated into the project.

The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration can be viewed and downloaded from EBRPD's Web site: www.ebarks.org or viewed at the following locations during regular business hours:

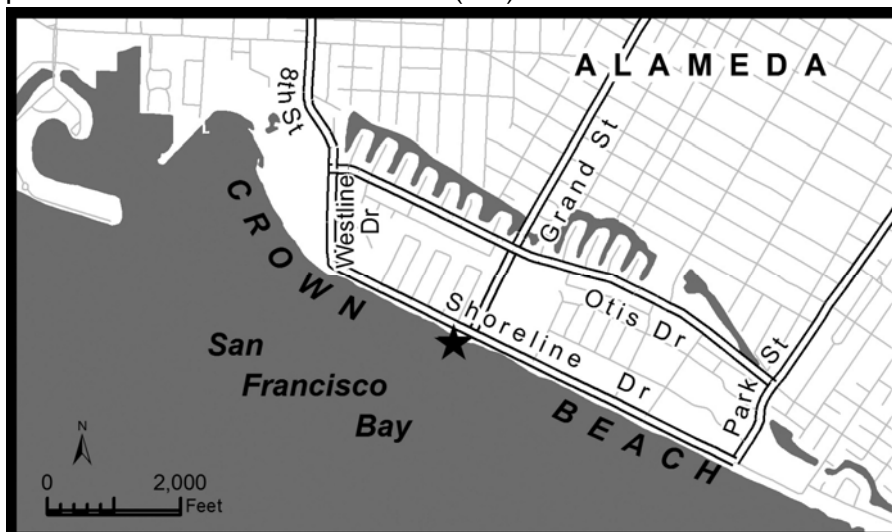
East Bay Regional Park District
2950 Peralta Oaks Court
Oakland, 94605
Phone: 510-544-2300

City of Alameda Main Library
1550 Oak Street
Alameda, 94501
Phone: 510-747-7713

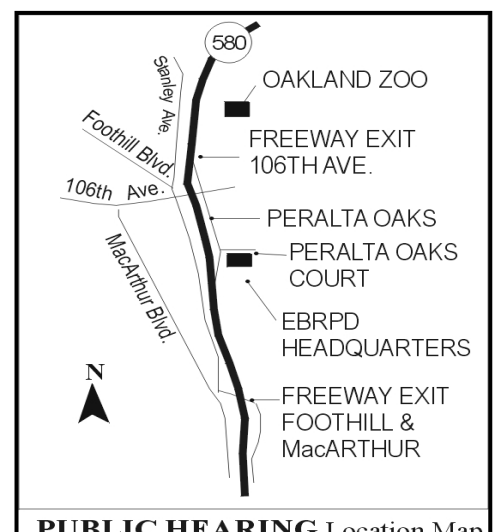
Alameda West End Branch Library
788 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, 94501
510-747-7767

The 30-day public review period for this project concludes on Monday, December 28, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Comments must be submitted by this time in writing to EBRPD, Planning, Stewardship & GIS Services Department, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 OR by Fax: (510) 635-3478, ATTN: Raphael Breines.

BOARD CONSIDERATION: A public hearing to consider adoption of the project and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been tentatively scheduled for the regular Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the EBRPD Headquarters (see figure, bottom right). All interested parties are encouraged to attend and be heard. To confirm the meeting date and time please visit EBRPD's Web site or call (510) 544-2300 in advance.



Project Location Map



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