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STANFORD AVENUE STAGING AREA EXPANSION PROJECT MISSION PEAK REGIONAL PRESERVE

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PUBLIC NOTICE

August 29, 2016

The East Bay Regional Park District is the Lead Agency and has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Stanford Avenue Staging Area Expansion Project (Project) at Mission Peak Regional Preserve (Mission Peak). The final document is the Response to Comments (RTC), which includes (1) comments received during the public review period for the Draft EIR, (2) responses to those comments, (2) text changes to the Draft EIR, and (4) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). The RTC document is available online at [Stanford Avenue Staging Area Expansion Project](#) at the District’s Administrative Office (address listed above), and at the following public libraries all located in Fremont:

- ❖ **Fremont Main Library** - 2450 Stevenson Boulevard
- ❖ **Centerville Library** - 3801 Nicolet Avenue
- ❖ **Irvington Library** - 41825 Greenpark Drive
- ❖ **Niles Library**– 150 I Street

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Friday, September 02, 2016 beginning at 12:30pm
Board Executive Committee Meeting

The Committee will consider recommendations to the Board regarding certification of the EIR and Project approval.

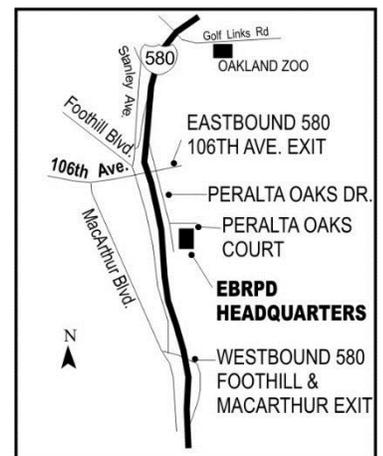
Tuesday, September 20, 2016 beginning at 1:00pm
Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the District’s Board of Directors

The Board will conduct a Public Hearing and consider certification of the EIR and Project approval.

Both meetings will be held at the Board Room at the District’s Administrative Offices located at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend these meetings to speak about the EIR.

CONTACT: Please contact Michelle Julene, Senior Planner at StanfordAveProject@ebparks.org or (510)544-2351 if you have questions regarding this Notice.



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PROJECT PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES. The purpose of the project is to provide additional parking and restrooms to better accommodate park visitor demand for trail access from the existing Stanford Avenue Staging Area. It is anticipated that developing a new staging area at this location will help to reduce existing noise, trash, and safety issues on neighborhood streets resulting from Preserve visitors parking on public streets in the vicinity of the existing staging area and that Mission Peak visitors would be better served by a more appropriate level of parking and additional restrooms. The objectives of the project are as follows:

- **Objective 1:** Develop additional parking on land under the District’s jurisdiction.
- **Objective 2:** Develop additional parking that minimizes costs associated with construction, operation, maintenance, and implementation and monitoring of mitigation measures to the extent feasible while still achieving the purpose of the project.
- **Objective 3:** Develop additional parking that incorporates best management and best engineering principles into the design, particularly in the area of geologic stability and stormwater management, avoiding or minimizing environmental impacts to the greatest degree feasible.
- **Objective 4:** Develop additional parking that serves the visitors to Mission Peak Regional Preserve who want access to the most popular trails in keeping with the District’s mission to provide open space, parks, and trails.
- **Objective 5:** Develop additional parking that would help reduce parking on neighborhood streets in the vicinity of the existing Stanford Avenue Staging Area.
- **Objective 6:** Construct additional restroom facilities near the location of the Stanford Avenue Staging Area to accommodate park visitors.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project area is located at the western entrance to Mission Peak at the terminus of Stanford Avenue in the City of Fremont, Alameda County. The proposed staging area would be located within the boundaries of Mission Peak on land owned by the City and leased by the District. The new staging area would be developed at one of two potential locations within the park, referred to as the Option A site and Option B site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The Draft EIR fully analyzes the environmental impacts of two potential options for a staging area location, either of which would provide a maximum of 300 new parking spaces within the existing Mission Peak boundaries. The options are:

- **Option A:** Option A is located generally 250 feet to the northeast of the existing staging area on a grassland area and encompasses approximately 11 acres. Of these 11 acres, approximately 2.78 acres would consist of paved surfaces. Development of Option A would include a headwall repair to an existing culvert along a tributary to Agua Caliente Creek.
- **Option B:** Option B is located approximately 875 feet to the southeast of the existing staging area on a grassland area and encompasses approximately 16 acres. Of these 16 acres, approximately 3.10 acres would consist of paved surfaces or bridge structures. Development of Option B would remove an existing culvert and restore the channel to its natural condition along a section of Agua Caliente Creek. Development of Option B would also include two new bridges over the creek, one for vehicles and one for trail access.

Each option would include a gate for controlled access to the new staging area, kiosk, new public restrooms, picnic tables, and associated landscaping and utility improvements. Each option also would also include paved vehicle access roadways from the existing staging area to the project as well as new graveled roadways and/or trail connections. Post-construction stormwater controls would include treatment through bioretention within the staging area and hydromodification management using a detention pond

