



**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ALBANY BEACH RESTORATION & PUBLIC ACCESS
PROJECT DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH# 2012032072)**

Notice is hereby given that East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), as the Lead Agency, has completed the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the Albany Beach Restoration & Public Access Project ("Project"). The Draft SEIR was prepared to comply with the final ruling in *SPRAWLDEF v EBRPD* that found the Final EIR lacked an adequate dog use baseline and evaluation related to the environmental impacts caused by dog use at the Project site. The analysis in the Draft SEIR is limited to environmental impacts associated with increased dog use at the site. The Draft SEIR was published on December 22, 2014, which marks the start of the 45-day comment period as required under CEQA.

A copy of this Draft SEIR has been sent to the State Clearinghouse and to those who requested a copy by responding to the NOP. It is also available for downloading from the EBRPD website at <http://www.ebparks.org/planning#albany>. A copy is also available for review at the Albany Library at 1247 Marin Avenue, Albany.

Project Location and Description: The Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project is located in Eastshore State Park at the western terminus of Buchanan Street in the City of Albany, CA. The project consists of:

1. Shoreline repair and reconstruction, including habitat enhancement and accessibility improvements to 2,000 feet of existing trail (San Francisco Bay Trail Spur) along the Albany Neck shoreline; and northern beach access; beneficial reuse of Albany Neck shoreline material to repair voids on the Albany Plateau created from metal scavenging or uneven landfill subsidence (Area 1).
2. Beach and dune enhancement, recreation improvements, restroom, parking and construction of approximately 800 feet of new San Francisco Bay Trail at Albany Beach (Area 2); and
3. Construction of 4,200 feet of new San Francisco Bay Trail between Albany Beach and Gilman Street (Area 3).

Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects: The Draft SEIR identifies potential significant effects from dog use in the following areas: Biological Resources; Geology and Soils. Implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Draft SEIR would reduce these potentially significant effects to a less than significant level.

Comment Period: EBRPD will receive public comments on the Draft EIR starting December 22, 2014 through February 11, 2015. Written comments should be received no later than 5 p.m. on February 11, 2015 and should be sent to:

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Following the close of the Draft SEIR comment period and preparation of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), at a future meeting the EBRPD Board of Directors will consider whether to certify the SEIR, adopt findings, and approve the project. Board meetings are held at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA.

For more information please check the District's website or contact Chris Barton at 510-544-2627 or cbarton@ebparks.org