



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

Notice is hereby given that East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), as the Lead Agency, has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Albany Beach Restoration & Public Access Project. The Draft EIR was published on July 11, 2012, which marks the start of the 45-day comment period as required under CEQA.

A copy of this Draft EIR 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>. Electronic copies are also available at the Albany Library at 1247 Marin Avenue, Albany; and at the Berkeley Public Library, Central Library at 2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley.

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 DEIR identifies potential significant effects in the following areas: Aesthetics; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality. Implementation of mitigation measures identified in the DEIR would reduce these potentially significant effects to a less than significant level.

Comment Period: EBRPD will receive public comments on the Draft EIR starting July 11, 2012 through November 5, 2012. Written comments should be received no later than 5 p.m. on November 5, 2012 and should be sent to:

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Following the close of the DEIR comment period and preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), at a future meeting the EBRPD Board of Directors will consider whether to certify the FEIR, 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



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