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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(SCH# 2201706055)**

**ROBERT SIBLEY VOLCANIC REGIONAL PRESERVE
LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT (LUPA)
Incorporating the McCosker Parcel and Western Hills Open Space (Project)**

Notice is hereby given that the East Bay Regional Park District, as the Lead Agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve Land Use Plan Amendment, incorporating the McCosker Parcel and Western Hills Open Space (Project).

A copy of the Draft EIR was sent to the State Clearinghouse on July 5, 2018. The Draft EIR is available for public review and comment and this notice is provided pursuant to Section 21092 of the State Public Resources Code.

DRAFT EIR VIEWING LOCATIONS: Hard copies of the Draft EIR can be reviewed at the locations listed below and an electronic version can be viewed online at the District website:
https://www.ebparks.org/about/planning/default.htm#robert_sibley_lupa

East Bay Regional Park District Administration Office 2950 Peralta Oaks Ct. Oakland, California 94605-0381	Oakland Public Library, Montclair 1687 Mountain Blvd Oakland, CA 94611	Moraga Library Contra Costa County Library 1500 St Marys' Rd Moraga, CA 94556
	City of Orinda Public Library 26 Orinda Way Orinda, CA 94563	Canyon Post Office 99 Pinehurst Rd Canyon, CA 94516

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: The 45-day public review period of the Draft EIR is July 6, 2018 – August 20, 2018.

PUBLIC MEETING: One public meeting on this Draft EIR will be held during the review period, to receive comments on the document. **The community meeting will be held at Richard C. Trudeau Conference Center, 11500 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 6:30-8:30 PM.**

COMMENTING ON THE DRAFT EIR: Comments on the Draft EIR may be made either in writing before the end of the comment period or orally at the aforementioned public meeting. Written comments should be mailed or e-mailed to the address provided below. **Due to the time limits mandated by State law, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. August 20, 2018.** After the close of the public comment period, responses to the comments received on the Draft EIR will be prepared and published, and together with this Draft EIR will constitute the Final EIR.

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Written comments on the draft EIR submitted by mail should be addressed to:

East Bay Regional Park District
ATTN: Julie Bondurant, Principal Planner
2950 Peralta Oaks Ct.
Oakland, California 94605-0381

Written email comments on the Draft EIR should be addressed to: jbondurant@ebparks.org

PUBLIC HEARING: Following the close of the Draft EIR comment period and preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), the District's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider certification of the EIR, adoption of findings, and project approval. A separate notice of this meeting will be provided to those who comment on the Draft EIR and posted on the District's website when the date is determined. Board meetings are held at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA.

PROJECT LOCATION AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project is located in the East Bay Hills at the boundary of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties between Tilden Regional Park and Redwood Regional Park and includes three sub-areas totaling 1,318 acres that would constitute Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve: 1) Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve (Preserve); 2) Western Hills Open Space (Western Hills); and 3) the McCosker Parcel (McCosker), along with the 240-acre Huckleberry Regional Preserve.

Project recommendations include two main components: 1) McCosker sub-area creek restoration and enhancement; and 2) recreation and public access improvements. The recreation and public access improvements include six main elements: 1) improvements to existing staging areas, 2) improvements to existing park roadways, 3) bridge installation, 4) trail system expansion, 5) recreation facility development, and 6) improvements to utility infrastructure.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: In the analysis undertaken to develop this Draft EIR, each of the subject areas identified in the CEQA Guidelines was analyzed. Pursuant to CEQA, the District has determined that the following environmental issue areas are not expected to have significant impacts resulting from implementation of the Project: agricultural resources, land use and planning, mineral resources, and population and housing. Potential significant impacts were identified for the following environmental topics: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources-cultural tribal resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services, recreation, traffic and transportation, and utilities and service systems. The analysis undertaken in support of this draft EIR has determined that Project impacts for these topic areas are less than significant or could be mitigated to below the threshold of significance.

For more information please check the District's website listed above.

Please contact Julie Bondurant at 510-544-2323 or jbondurant@ebparks.org with questions or if translation is required.