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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

COYOTE HILLS RESTORATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH #2018062002)

and

COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT (LUPA)

Notice is hereby given that the East Bay Regional Park District, as the Lead Agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) for the Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project (Project).

A copy of the DEIR was sent to the State Clearinghouse on March 7, 2019. 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 and LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT VIEWING LOCATIONS: Hard copies of the DEIR 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#patterson>

East Bay Regional Park District
Administration Office
2950 Peralta Oaks Ct.
Oakland, CA 94605

Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94538

Union City Library
34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd.
Union City, CA 94587

Newark Library
6300 Civic Terrace Ave.
Newark, CA 94560

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: The 45-day public review period of the DEIR is March 7, 2019 – April 22, 2019.

COMMENTING ON THE DEIR AND DRAFT LUPA: Comments on the DEIR and Draft LUPA may be made in writing before the end of the comment period. 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 5:00PM on April 22, 2019. After the close of the public comment period, responses to the comments received on the DEIR will be prepared and published, and together with this DEIR will constitute the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR).

Written comments submitted by mail should be addressed to:

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Oakland, CA 94605

Written email comments should be addressed to: kuero@ebparks.org

PUBLIC MEETING: Following the close of the Draft EIR comment period and preparation of the FEIR, the District’s Board of Directors will hold a public meeting to consider certification of the FEIR, adoption of findings, and project approval. A separate notice of this meeting will be provided to those who comment on the DEIR and posted on the District’s website when the date is determined. Board meetings are held at 2950 Peralta Oaks Ct. Oakland, CA.

PROJECT LOCATION AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The 306-acre Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project area is the subject of the proposed restoration and public access Project. It is located in the northwest corner of the City of Fremont, Alameda County, east of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay Wildlife Refuge, and north of State Highway Route 84. The expansion area borders on the east side of the existing Coyote Hills Regional Park; is bounded to the west by Ardenwood Boulevard and Paseo Padre Parkway; and is bounded to the north by the Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel.

The project includes two main components: A) approve a Land Use Plan for the 306-acre expansion area and add the Land Use Unit designations to the 2005 Coyote Hills Regional Park Land Use Plan (LUP) as an amendment; and B) Implement elements of a Park Development Plan that includes actions involving: 1) habitat restoration and enhancement, 2) recreation and visitor service facilities, 3) public access trail construction and operation, 4) cultural resources management, 5) agricultural land uses and associated activity, 6) surface water and ground water management, 7) utility upgrades and extensions, and 8) climate change and sea level rise adaptation.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: In the analysis undertaken to develop this DEIR, 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: aesthetics, agricultural and forest resources, greenhouse gas emissions, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, and recreation. Potential significant impacts were identified for the following environmental topics: air quality, biological resources,

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geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems. The analysis undertaken in support of this DEIR has determined that Project impacts for these topic areas are less than significant or could be mitigated to below the threshold of significance. Section 15126.2(b) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR identify any significant impacts that cannot be avoided, even with the implementation of feasible mitigation measures. As discussed in the DEIR in 4.2 Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, disassembly of the Contractor's Residence would result in a Significant and Unavoidable Impact on historic architectural resources.

For more project information and updates please check the District's website:

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Please contact Karla Cuero at 510-544-2622 or kcuro@ebparks.org with questions or if translation services are needed.