

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: INTERESTED PERSONS

SUBJECT: San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority
Central Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility
INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT:

Title: The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority Central Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility

Location: The project is located southeast of the intersection of West Hornet Avenue and Ferry Point Road near Pier 3 in the City of Alameda, within the Naval Air Station Base Realignment and Closure area known as Alameda Point.

Description: The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) proposes to construct a Central Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility (proposed project) to serve as the central San Francisco Bay base for WETA's ferry fleet, Operations Control Center, and Emergency Operations Center. The project site includes approximately 15,500 square feet (0.36 acre) of landside space and approximately one acre of waterside space in the San Francisco Bay.

The proposed project would provide running maintenance service such as fueling, engine oil changes, concession supply, and light repair work for all WETA ferry boats operating in the San Francisco Bay. The proposed project would also be the location for operational activities of WETA, including day-to-day management and oversight of service, crew, and facilities. In the event of a regional disaster, the facility would function as an Emergency Operations Center, serving passengers and sustaining water transit service for emergency response and recovery. The proposed landside building would be a four-story structure of approximately 25,000 square feet designed to Essential Facilities Standards in accordance with the California Building Code. The landside building dimensions are approximately 35 feet by 165 feet and about 75 feet tall. The proposed marine facility would have an overwater coverage of approximately 20,000 square feet (0.46 acre) and would provide berthing slips for up to 11 vessels with limited capacity to provide berthing for vessels in transit.

Surrounding
Land Uses
and Setting:

The primary land uses in the project area are industrial. An undeveloped City-owned park and the San Francisco Bay Trail, which is leased to the East Bay Regional Park District, are located adjacent to and east of the project site. Pier 3 and the USS Hornet are located west of the project site and an open paved area is located to the north.

Section

65962.5: The project site is located within the Naval Air Station Base Realignment and Closure area and is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: A Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed project. The Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration identifies potentially significant impacts associated with the project including aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation/traffic, and mandatory findings of significance. Measures identified in the document and included as part of the project will mitigate the potential impacts to a less-than-significant level.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, Pier 9, Suite 111, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Copies of the Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration are also available for review at the Alameda Main Library, 1500 Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501, Monday through Saturday (times vary) and the Alameda Community Development Department (Planning), 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING DATES: To be determined

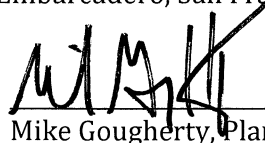
REVIEW PERIOD: Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be accepted for a 30-day review period from March 31, 2011, through April 29, 2011.

Please send your comments to San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, Pier 9, Suite 111, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111

Signature:

Name & Title:

Date:



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