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A listing from the Association of Bay Area Governments of Projects Affecting The Nine-County San Francisco Bay Area

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Documents Received On Or After Wednesday, June 01, 2011

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
7/29/2011	MULTI-COUNTY		NOP	EBMUD Water Supply Management Program 2040 - Draft Revised Program EIR	East Bay Municipal Utility District- Water Supply Improvements Division	Tom Francis	

EBMUD proposes to adopt and implement the Water Supply Management Program (WSMP) 2040. WSMP 2040 estimates water supply needs to the year 2040, and proposes a program of policy and project initiatives to meet those needs. EBMUD's water supplies are estimated to be sufficient during the planning period (2010-2040) in normal and wet years. The primary purpose of WSMP 2040 is to identify and recommend solutions to meet dry-year water needs through 2040.

7/28/2011	MULTI-COUNTY		Notice	Proposed Approval of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin to Add Surface Water Bodies and Designate Beneficial Uses - Notice of Opportunity to Comment	State Water Resources Control Board	Jeanine Townsend	(916) 341-5621
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No description provided but details can be viewed at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basin_planning.shtml#Bpupdate

7/20/2011	Alameda		NOP	Proposed Amedments to the Boradway/MacArthur/San Pablo Redevelopment Plan Draft SEIR	City of Oakland Community and Economic Development Agency	Ulla-Britt Jonsson	(510) 238-3322
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The proposed CEQA Project is the implementation of the three Proposed Amendments to the Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo Redevelopment Plan. The first amendment would expand the Project Area boundaries to include the 1,300 parcels and 150 acres that is the Lowell/Gaskill neighborhood (Amendment Area). Redevelopment activities envisioned for the streetscape improvements, right-of-way adjustments, building renovations, and new housing, live/work, industrial incubator, and/or commercial development consistent with the existing HBX Housing and Buildinss Mix Zone and General Plan land use designation. Other redevelopment programs within the Amendment Area would be consistent with those currently being implemented through the existing Redevelopment Plan. The second amendments would extend eminent domain authority for the Redevelopment Plan beyond 2012. However, the Agency does not anticipate use of eminent domain to facilitate the redevelopment activities described above. The third amendment would increase the bonding capacity cap to finance proposed redevelopment activites in the Amendment Area without drawing from the existing bonding capacity which is required to implement the existing Redevelopment Plan. The bonding capacity cap would be increased in an amount proportional to the redevelopment needs of the Amendment Area.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
7/16/2011	Alameda County		Notice	Central District Urban Renewal Plan - Final EIR	City of Oakland Community and Economic Development Agency	Ulla-Britt Jonsson	(510) 238-3322

The Proposed Amendments consist of two amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, the 17th Amendment and the 18th Amendment to the Plan. The proposed 17th Amendment would amend the Plan in three ways. First, it would extend the duration of the Redevelopment Plan from 2012 to 2022 and extend the time period that the Redevelopment Agency can receive tax increment funds from 2022 to 2032, as allowed by Senate Bill 211 (codified at Health and Safety code Section 33333.10 et seq.). Second, it would increase the cap on the receipt of tax increment revenue to account for the proposed time extensions, as the Redevelopment Agency is anticipated to exceed its existing cap if the time extension is adopted. Third, it would renew the Redevelopment Agency's authority to use eminent domain in the Project Area. The proposed 18th Amendment would further extend the Plan effectiveness time limit from 2022 to 2023 and extend the time period that the Redevelopment Agency can receive tax increment funds from 2032 to 2033, as allowed by Health and Safety code Section 33331.5. Under that statute, when an agency has made its required payments to the Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF), it may amend its plan to extend its plan limits by one year without having to comply with other provisions of redevelopment law governing plan amendments. No blight findings or other analysis is required by the CRL for a SERAF time extension.

8/5/2011	Alameda County		Notice	Niles Canyon Safety Improvement Project - Expanded Public Participation	California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)	V Shearer	
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This project proposes roadway widening to make room for shoulder improvements and curve correction in a rural portion of Alameda County on State Route (SR) 84, between Alameda Creek Bridge (approximately PM 13.6) and the SR-84/I-680 Separation (PM 18.0) in Sunol. The purpose of the project is to incrementally improve safety on Route 84 within the project limits by improving sight distances, providing refuge for errant vehicles that might otherwise cross the centerline, providing means of warning drivers who may approach curves at unsafe speeds or whose vehicles may stray over the center or fog lines, and improving the traveled way for bicyclists. The project has logical termini; it extends from Alameda Creek Bridge to the State Route 84 / Interstate 680 Interchange, an area large enough to address all the Project Needs. It also has independent utility as it will provide safety improvements whether or not any other project is developed.

7/1/2011	Alameda County		Neg. Dec.	1623 Cindy Way - Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Neg Dec	City of Pleasanton	Jenny Soo, Assoc. PI	(925) 931-5615
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This Initial Study analyzes project-specific environmental impacts due to changing the current A district zoning designation on the existing lot to PUD-MDR. For each potential impact topic, this Initial Study evaluates specific impacts associated with the currently proposed rezoning. Additional mitigation measures, if warranted, to reduce some impacts or to be carried forward for evaluation in a subsequent project specific CEQA analysis will also be included herein. No actual development of the subject site is proposed at this time other than relocating an existing home, and any proposal involving residential development would be subject to a separate public review process and potentially to a further, more refined environmental review under CEQA.

7/5/2011	Alameda County		Notice	Bailey Tract, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) Supplement to Lease Agreement	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	Jeff Philliber	(510) 486-5257
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The purpose of this Supplement is to extend the term of the Ground Lease and amend the description of Parcel 20 as set forth in the Ground Lease, by increasing the area from 0.632 acres to 1.245 acres to provide sufficient area for a General Purpose Laboratory (GPL) Building No. 33 and associated utility building. The potential environmental effects of the project were analyzed in the Seismic Phase 2 EIR certified by the Regents on July 13, 2010. <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/regmeet/jul10/gb4.pdf> This Supplement to the Lease Agreement would result in no changes to the Seismic Phase 2 project or its impacts as described in the EIR, and it has been determined that no further environmental review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162.

7/12/2011	Contra Costa County		NOP	Chevron Revised Project	City of Richmond Department of Planning and Bulding Services	Lina Velasco, Senior	(510) 620-6841
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The Revised Project is proposed by Cevron for several reasons. IT would allow the Refinery to process crude oil blends and externally-sources gas oils with higher sulfur content, in order to continue producing competitive transportaion fuels and lubricating oils. In addition, it would replace the Refinery's existing hydrogen production facilities with a modern plan that is more energy efficient yields higher purity hydrogen, and has the capacity to produce more hydrogen.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
8/1/2011	Contra Costa County		Draft EIR	Pittsburg/Bay Point BART Station Master Plan	City of Pittsburg Planning Division	Leigha Schmidt	(925) 252-4920

The proposed project consists of a Master Plan outlining land use and design requirements within a 50.6 acre portion of the City of Pittsburg in the vicinity of the Pittsburg/Bay Point BART Stations--the current eastern terminus of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) in Pittsburg. Approximately half of the Master Plan area is currently owned by BART, and the remaining half is owned by West Coast Home Builders (WCHM). The Master Plan would be expected to result in development of medium- and high-density multi-family residential uses as well as a number of retail uses, two new parking garages, a transit plaza and bus shelter adjacent to the BART station, and a number of "flex uses which can be any mix of retail, commercial or quasi-public uses, depending on market conditions at the time of development. Overall, the Master Plan is expected to result in the addition of 1,168 dwelling units and 146,362 square feet of nonresidential uses employing approximately 1,300 people. The Master Plan includes specific design guidelines for structures, roadways, and an interconnected network of pedestrian/bicycle paths and facilities. Also included is a 0.4-acre park, an expanded stormwater detention basin, numerous landscape corridors along roads, and private recreation/open space.

7/14/2011	Contra Costa County		Notice	Tres Vaqueros Windfarm Project DEIR	Contra Costa County Department of Conservation & Development	William Nelson	(925) 335-1208
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Tres Vaqueros Windfarms, LLC (Applicant), has submitted an application to the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation & Development (DCD) requesting approval of a Land Use Permit to allow implementation of the Tres Vaqueros Windfarm Repowering Project in southeastern Contra Costa County, California. The project would "repower" and existing windfarm by decommissioning and removing 91 obsolete wind turbines and installing either 21 Gamesa G90 2.1 megawatt (MW) turbines or 28 Siemens 2.3 MW turbines with a total height of up to 429 feet. The new turbines would increase the nameplate generating capacity of the windfarm from 29.1 MW to approximately 42 MW and would increase energy production by at least 38 percent. The project would provide energy to the regional power grid via the Tres Vaqueros Substation, which would be upgraded and expanded. The project also includes improvements to one access point along Vasco Road, construction of new on-site access roads, and removal of existing on-site access roads and turbine pads that would no longer be needed. Decommissioned access roads and turbine pads would be reclaimed through regrading and revegetation. To construct and operate the project, the Applicant must comply with a number of federal, state, and local regulatory requirements. The Draft EIR has been prepared to meet the requirements of CEQA.

7/5/2011	Contra Costa County		Notice	Shell Martinez Marine Terminal Lease Consideration	California State Lands Commission, DEPM	Sarah R. Mongano	(916) 574-1889
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The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) has prepared a Final EIR for the Shell Martinez Marine Terminal (Shell Terminal) Lease Consideration (Project). Equilon Enterprises LLC, doing business as Shell Oil Products US (Shell), the applicant and operator of the Shell Terminal, proposes to continue existing operations of the Shell Terminal, located on tide and submerged state lands adjacent to Shell's Martinez Refinery on the south side of the Carquinez Strait, approximately one-half mile west of the Benicia-Martinez Bridge in Contra Costa County, for a term of 30 years ending July 31, 2039.

6/27/2011	Contra Costa County		Notice	Richmond-Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure Project	City of Richmond Planning and Building Department	Lina Velasco, Senior	(510) 620-6706
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The City of Richmond proposes to construct the Richmond-Greenway Gap Closure Project, a multi-use trail connection in Richmond, California. The Richmond-Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure Project represents the third phase of the Richmond Greenway Project, which would provide a continuous bicycle and pedestrian pathway in Richmond from Garrard Boulevard and the Richmond Parkway to San Pablo Avenue. The Richmond Greenway would connect the San Francisco Bay Trail at the west with the Ohlone Greenway in the City of El Cerrito at the east. The proposed project includes installation of the new multi-use trail, a new crosswalk and traffic signal on San Pablo Avenue, and a new bridge over realigned Baxter Creek as well as associated improvements (i.e., lighting) and landscaping.

6/30/2011	Marin County		Notice	Rodvich and Butler Rezoning and Community Plan Amendment	Marin County Community Development Agency	Neal Osborne, Plann	(415) 499-7173
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Notice is hereby given that the Marin County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the application submitted by Patricia Souza, on behalf of property owners James Radovich and Carol Butler, to change the zoning and community plan designations for the subject properties. The proposal would change the designations to be consistent with the existing residential developments and density on the subject properties. The current zoning for these properties is AP, Administrative Professional and the Marin Countywide Plan Land Use Designation (CWP LUD) is OC, Office Commercial/Mixed Use. The proposal would change the zoning and Strawberry Community Plan land use designation to RMP-8, Residential Multiple-family Planned district, 8 units per acre maximum density. This proposal would be consistent with the CWP LUD that allows residential zoning districts of RMP-0.1 (one unit per ten acres) to RMP-30 (30 units per acre). This proposal would be consistent with the intent of the Strawberry Community Plan, Zoning Implementation Subsection (f), which recommends rezoning the subject properties to a designation that is consistent with the existing and historic uses of the properties. The subject properties are located at 29,31.31-A, and 33 North Knoll Road, Mill Valley, and are further identified as Assessor's Parcels 034-141-01 and -02.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
6/30/2011	Marin County		Notice	San Rafael General Plan Amendment Proposals	City of San Rafael Community Development Department, Planning Division	Linda Jackson	(415) 485-3067

The San Rafael Planning Commission and City Council will consider a general plan amendment consisting of four components, as described below. The amendments may be viewed online at: http://www.cityofsanrafael.org/government/Community_Development.htm 1. An updated Housing Element, including an updated Housing Background (Appendix B of the General Plan). 2. A new Sustainability Element. 3. A revised Conservation Element policy, CON-3 Unavoidable Filling of Wetlands. 4. Deletion of policy LU-3 Project Selection Process, and program LU-3a Project Selection Process, and deletion of references to LU-3 and LU-3a in the general Plan.

7/25/2011	Marin County		Draft EIR	Hanna Ranch Mixed Use Project - Draft EIR	City of Novato-Community Development Department, Planning Division	Alan Lazure	(415) 899-8217
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The project site is currently vacant and consists of varied terrain with a generally flat "panhandle" on the north transitions to three tree-studded knolls on the south. A freshwater pond is also located on the site. The proposed project would develop the site with a maximum of 136,600 square feet of commercial uses, including 34,700 square feet of retail use, 21,200 square feet of office use, 10,000 square feet of restaurant use, a 70,600 square-foot (116 room) hotel, and associated grading, parking, landscaping, and the extion of infrastructure. A Class I bike and pedestrian path would also be included as part of the development and two potential alignments are evaluated in the EIR. The project would require the following discretionary approvals: Possible Development and/or Purchase Agreement; Vacation of Exostomg Floating Easement and Dedication/Grant of Easement to City for Class I Path; Vesting Tentative Map; General Plan Amendment, Master Plan, Precise Development Plan, Design Review, and a Use Permit.

8/8/2011	San Francisco City and County		Notice	801 Brannan and One Henry Adams Streets Project - DEIR	San Francisco Plann Department	Debra Dwyer	(415) 575-9031
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The proposed project is lcoated in Showplace Square in the Easter Neighborhoods. The proposed project contains two project sites, one at 801 Brannan Street and the other at One Henry Adams Street. The rectangular 801 Brannan site is on the south side of Brannan Street, extending from Seventh Street to Eighth Street. The 226,875 square foot site (apparox. 5.21 acres) currently contains the 137,000-square-foot, 33-foot high Concourse Exhibit Halla dn an approximately 390 space surface parking lot. The propose project would demolish the existing structure and parking lot and construct two mixed-use buildings containing 364 residential units and 23,367 sqquare feet of retail. Inaddition, the eastern portion of the 801 Brannan site would be dedicated to the City for development of up to 150 affordable housing usnits and approximately 7,050 square feet of retail in partial fulfillment of the project's Inclusionary Affordable Housing requirement pursuant to Planning Code Section 419. Under the prosped project there would be up to 585 residential units, 30,417 suquare feet of retail space, and 571 parkig spaces developed at the 801 Brannan site.

8/15/2011	San Francisco City and County		Notice	8 Washington Street / Seawall Lot 341 Project - DEIR	San Francisco Planning Department	Nannie Turrell	(415) 575-9047
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The triangle-shaped project site is bounded by Washington Street to the south, Drumm Street and a pedestrian walkway to the west, and The Embarcadero to the east. The proposed project calls for demolition of the existing private tennis and swim club facility and the existing surface parking lot on Seawall Lot 351, and construction of two residential buildings south of the Jackson Street alignment: one along the Embarcadero (four to six stories) and the othe ralong Drumm Street (8 - 12 stories). The buildings would be connected at the ground floor. Together, the buildings would contain about 165 residential units, 420 underground parking spaces for residents and the public, and ground-floor retail and restaurant space. The proposed bulidings would encompass approximately 575,000 gross square feet. North of the buildings, a new publicly accessible open space would be constructed to align with jackson Street. North of this open space, a new, on-story, fitness center building, two swimming pools, and four tennis courts woud be constructed. The northern end of the site would contain a one-story restaurant building and a publicly accessible open space.

5/27/2011	SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY			Alexander Avenue and Danes Drive Intersection Improvements Environment Assessment	Golden Gate National Recreation Area	Steve Ortega, Env Pr	
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The proposed action being considered includes: Widening and extending the northbound left-turn lane on Alexander Avenue; Converting the intersection from a Y to a T intersection; Adding roadway shoulders to Alexander Avenue; and Replacing the existing guardrail with a steelbacked timber guardrail painted white to match the existing timber rail.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
	Santa Clara County		Notice	San Jose/Santa clara Water Pollution Control Plan Master Plan - Notice of Preparation - DEIR	City of San Jose Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement	John Davidson	(408) 535-7895

The City proposes to adopt the San Jose/Santa Clara WPCP master Plan (Master Plan) and to amend the San Jose Ageneral Plan and Zoning Ordinance to ensure that existing and p roposed onsite uses are consistent with the City's land use goals, policies and designations. The Master Plan includes a variety of long-range improvements to the WPCP's facilities andoperations over the next 30 years (through the year 2040). The Master Plan also includes the phased development of the surrounding lands, including the creation and restoration of habitats and natural corridors to support wildlife, parks and amenities to foster a greater connection between the community and the coastal environment, as well as commercial, retail, and light industrial development. Sustainability is sthe overarching theme of the Master Plan, reflecting its importance to the City, City of Santa Clara, and the tributary agencies. The city of San Jose Environmental Services Department, operators of the Plant, hold sustainability as its core vision: "San Jose" strives to become an environmentally and economically sustainable city--designed, constructed and operated to minimize waste and efficiently use its natural resources."

7/14/2011	Solano County		Notice	Grizzly Island Trail Project - Intent to Adopt Neg Dec	City of Suisun City Community Development Department	John T. Kearns	(707) 421-7335
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The city of Suisun City proposes to construct a 12-foot wide Class I bicycle/pedestrian path along the east side of Marina ouldevard from Driftwood Drive to SR 12 and the south side of SR 12 from marina Boulevard to Grizzly Island Road. The proposed project would also include construction of a 5-foot wide sidewalk along the wiest side of Grizzly Island Road from SR 12 to Anderson Drive. The concrete bicycle/pedestrian path and sidewalk would be approximatley 0.9 miles ni length. The project would close a gap in the sidewalk and bicycle system between Crescent Elementary School and Crystal Middle School. The trail would connect with existing sidewalks and bike lanes at each terminus. The path would provide recreational and non-motorized commuting opportunities and natural resoruces education opportunities for users and nearby schools, as the path would order Suisun marsh and the Hill Slough Wildlife Area, which comprises 1,723 acres of salt tidal marsh, managed marshes, sloughs, and upland grassland owned and managed by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG).

7/1/2011	Solano County		Neg. Dec.	Countywide Siting Element (CSE) of the Solano County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan	Solano County Department of Resource Management, Planning Services Division	Michael Yankovich	(707) 784-6765
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This is the first amendment to the 1995 Countywide Siting Element. The amendment: 1) projects disposal needs for wastes generated within the borders of Solano County for the next 15-year planning period of 2010-2025; 2_ updates technical information on the existing facilities, Recology Hay Road and Potrero Hills Landfill; 3) incorporates the approved expansion of Potrero Hills Landfill into the existing facility description; and 4) adds the existing Tonnessen Pet Cemetery waste disposal facility to the siting element.

7/14/2011	Solano County		Neg. Dec.	Venoco, Hunter's Point Natural Gas Exploration Project Draft Negative Declaratiion	Solano County Planning Services Division	Eric Wilberg	(707) 784-6765
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Venoco proposes to drill three exploratory natural gas wells over a three year peroid from the proposed Hunter's Point Project Site. If economical quantities of natural gas are discovered, Venoco would install the necessary production equipment and a natural gas pipeline from the producing wells to an existing natural gas pipeline located approximately 1.35 miles to the northwest. The proposed project includes three phases: a site preparation phase, a drilling and testing phase, and a production phase.