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

Guide to Listing: Project applications shown in the Newsletter are received and published monthly to notify local governments and other parties about programs requiring intergovernmental review and projects of special significance. For more information, call either the ABAG Clearinghouse at (510) 464-7993 or the contact person.

Documents Received On Or After Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
2/21/2012	MULTI-COUNTY		Notice	California High Speed Rail - Revised Draft Program Environmental Impact Report	California high Speed Rail Authority and Federal Railroad Administration	John Mason (Authorit	

The California High Speed Rail Authority(Authority) and the Federal Rilroad Administration (FRA), completed a Final Program EIR/EIS for the San Francisco Bay Area to Central Valley in May 2008 that eevaluated alternatives--at a programmatic level of analysis--of the proposed high-speed train (HST) system within the broad corridor between and including the Altamont Pass and Pacheco Pass. The Authority and the FRA identified the Pacheco Pass serving San Francsico and San Jose termini as the preferred HST Network Alternative, as well as mitigation strategies, design practices, and further measures to guide the system's development and avoid and minimize potential adverse environmental impacts. The Authority approved the project and issued a California Enviromental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Determination (NOD) on July 0, 2008. The FRA issued a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Record of Decision (ROD) on December 2, 2008.

2/1/2012	MULTI-COUNTY		Other	National Park Service (NPS) Alcatraz Transportation Study and Environmental Impact Statement/environmental Impact Report	United States Department of the Interior - National Park Service	Brian Aviles, Senior P (415) 561-4942	
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The Project builds upon several studies completed by the NPS, the State of California, the City and County of San Francisco, the Port of San Francisco, and the California Water Emergency Transportation Authority (formerly the Water Transt Authority) (WETA). If feasible, the project would establish an enhanced, long-term (i.e., 50-year horizon) passenger ferry embarkation facility on the northern San Francisco waterfron for all Alcatraz-bound ferries by 2016. This project also includes a study of actions to establish connections with Fort Baker and Sausalito to the proposed Alcatraz embarkation facility. This would improve cross-bay connectivity to accommodate existing and future visitor demand for travel to Alcatraz, and enhance the operational effectiveness of GGNRA. The proposed action may include potential development outside the NPS park units in partnership with city and state agencies, and thus may fall under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as well as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

2/27/2012	Alameda		Draft EIR	North Park Street Regulating Code - Draft EIR	City of Alameda Community Development Department	Lori Taylor, Director (510) 747-4800	
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The City of Alameda is seeking to manage and direct the redevelopment of properties in the North Park Street planning area through the adoption of amendments to the City's Municipal Code and Zoning Ordinance. The proposed North park Street Regulating Code (the "Project") defines the City's planning and development standards and requirements policies for a specific geographic area, the North park Street planning area [Gateway District planning area], to guide redevelopment of the area consistent with the City of alameda General Plan and prevailing community values and priorities. The North Park Street Regulating Code is available for review at <http://www.cityofalamedaca.gov/City-hall/Community-Development>.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
2/23/2012	Alameda		Notice	Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive (BAM/PFA) 2120 Oxford at Center Street, extending to Addison St., Berkeley, CA	University of California-Physical # Environmental Planning	Jennifer McDougall	(510) 642-7720

The proposed project is to provide a new home for BAM/PFA on the university-owned site at Oxford and Center Streets in downtown Berkeley. The site is occupied by the former (vacant) UC Printing Plant and a three-level university parking structure. The former Printing Plant is comprised of two parts: a three-story office building with frontage along Oxford Street, and a one-story production shed along the balance of the Center Street frontage. A partial basement underlies both parts. The proposed 83,500 gsf project would renovate the office building and the production shed to house BAM offices and galleries, respectively. The easternmost structural bay in the existing production shed, adjacent to the office building, would become a new two-story extension of the theatre element and would house the entrance lobby on the ground floor, a café on the second floor, and would also provide an internal route from the entrance to the film theater on the north half of the site. The existing parking structure would be removed, and two new structures would be constructed on the site; a theatre building fronting the northeast corner of the site, to accommodate the 230-seat PFA film theater and most of the BAM/PFA educational programs, and a museum services building to accommodate delivery and back-of-house operations, with access from Addison Street. The balance of the site would remain as surface parking, representing a net reduction in parking spaces from 258 in the existing structure to approximately 42 spaces in the surface lot.

2/20/2012	Alameda		Notice	Draft North Park Street Regulating code - DEIR	City of Alameda Community Development Department	Andrew Thomas	(510) 747-6881
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The Park Street Regulating Code establishes the zoning requirements for an area within the eastern portion of the City of Alameda generally bounded by Oakland Estuary to the north, Oak Street to the west, Lincoln Avenue to the south and Tilden Way to the east. The Draft North Park Street Regulation Code is a new zoning code for the plan area designed to implement the policies of the City of Alameda General Plan and the vision for development and reuse of the area established by the 2009 "Gateway District Strategic Plan".

2/26/2012	marin		Plan	The Town of Tiburon General Plan Housing Element Update	Town of Tiburon Community Development Department	Scott Anderson, Director	(415) 435-7392
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The project is a proposed update of the Town of Tiburon General Plan Housing Element as required by California law. The proposed Housing Element establishes housing objectives, policies and programs in response to community housing conditions and needs. The Housing Element Update is a comprehensive statement by the Town of Tiburon of its current and future housing needs and is a policy level document. It provides policy direction for the implementation of various programs to accommodate the housing needs of projected population growth, and to encourage the production of housing units in a range of prices affordable to all income groups. The proposed Housing Element is consistent with the adopted Town of Tiburon General Plan. No development is being permitted under the proposed Housing Element where it is not permitted now, and all new development is being permitted under the proposed Housing Element where it is not permitted now, and all new development under the proposed Housing Element is proposed in areas already designated for residential or mixed use development. The Town's housing goal is to promote the social and economic diversity of the Town by encouraging safe and affordable housing for all social and economic segments of the community.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
2/6/2012	Marin		Final EIR	Grady Ranch PDP Final Supplement to the 1996 Master Plan Final EIR and 1996 Master Plan FEIR, Volumes 1-4	Marin County Community Development Agency	Rachel Warner	(415) 499-6269

The proposed Grady Ranch Precise Development Plan (PDP) details a second phase of the implementation of the Lucasfilm Ltd. Grady Ranch/Big Rock Ranch Master Plan and Use Permit approved by the Marin County Board of Supervisors on October 29, 1996. Lucasfilm Ltd. is an entertainment company with offices and facilities in Marin County. The company's headquarters are located at Skywalker Ranch, approximately four miles west of the Grady Ranch PDP site. The previously proposed Master Plan included a project site that was comprised of the Grady, Big Rock, McGuire, and Loma Alta ranches. The Master Plan Project was planned as a phased project that included two office building complexes (one each on Grady and Big Rock Ranch), development of housing for employees and overnight guests, and the preservation of 95 percent of the property as open space under an agricultural conservation easement with public trail access and public open space. Since the approval of the Master Plan, construction of the multimedia facility and accessory buildings has occurred on Big Rock Ranch, and conservation easements have been established. There was also a fee dedication of part of Grady Ranch, in addition to the agricultural conservation easement. Fee title dedication of 800 acres of open space was offered to, and accepted by, the Marin County Open Space District.

The 239 - acre Grady Ranch PDP would include construction of the Main Building, Gate House Building, and Main Entry Road; realignment of Lucas Valley Road at the main entrance to the project; improvement of West Fire Road; replacement of the fire access road to the east side of Grady Creek (East Fire Road); realignment of the Upper Fire Road around the Main Building; nine bridges; and other related improvements, such as water tanks (see Site Plan in Exhibit below under Project Characteristics). On - site grading would include excavation of the underground parking beneath the Main Building and the Wine Cave and use of excavated materials for constructing a knoll on the east end of the property and for creek restoration. The Grady Ranch PDP proposes the restoration and enhancement of Miller Creek, Grady Creek, Landmark Creek and other tributaries located on the property. Restoration and enhancement plans would include elevating and reconnecting the Miller Creek stream channel to its active floodplain and improving the habitat functions and values of the Stream Conservation Area (SCA). The project would incorporate Low Impact Development (LID) practices to manage stormwater through a natural system that would be coordinated with SCA restoration and enhancement. Development would be located on 52 acres within the 52 - acre development area. The remaining parcel area of 187 acres around the 52 - acre development area would be preserved as private open space. The following project description is derived primarily from the project application materials submitted to Marin County.

Additional information was obtained from the 1995 Master Plan FEIR, a November 2010 site visit, and available technical reports, which are referenced in the text. The 239 - acre project site is located on the north side of Lucas Valley Road in the Lucas Valley area approximately eight miles northwest of the City of San Rafael in Marin County

Marin

Notice

40 Bellam Boulevard, San Rafael CA 94901 -
Notice of Site Selection

United States Postal Service -
Pacific Facilities Service Office

This site is under consideration for purchase. Based on the assessment of the direct and indirect emissions from the project, it was concluded that project emissions were below the de-minimus levels established in the final conformity rule (40 CRF part 41), and would create insignificant impacts on regional air quality. This property has been leased since 1966. USPS intends to purchase the site by 2/29/2012

2/21/2012 Marin

Notice

Jesberg Residence (300 San Rafael Avenue,
Belvedere)- Mitigated Neg Dec

City of Belvedere

Lorraine Weiss, Plan

The proposal includes requests for Planning Commission review and approval of Design Review, Exception to Total Floor Area and Variance for the property, for construction of a new 515-square-foot garage to replace existing carport; 373-square-foot house addition; interior house remodel; new 39-square-foot storage shed, landscape changes and new plantings, replacing existing Lagoon retaining wall with new, repair existing dock and construct new 614-square-foot dock expansion, new fireplace and barbeque. Variance for non-conforming 2' - 1" front yard setback.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
2/1/2012	Marin		Draft EIR	Alexander Avenue/Danes Drive Intersection Improvement Project - Environmental Assessment Initial Study	US Department of the Interior National park Service	Frank Dean, Gen. Su	

The purpose of the proposed project is to correct existing deficiencies and substandard roadway conditions at the Alexander Avenue left-turn lane to Danes Drive. The proposed project would also help to reduce offsite transportation impacts associated with intensified operation of Fort Baker by improving the Alexander Avenue/Danes Drive intersection functionality and enhancing multi-modal use opportunities along Alexander Avenue. For the proposed project to be successful, it must accomplish the following project objectives:

- . Enhance the safety of the Alexander Avenue/Danes Drive intersection by providing additional turn lane storage capacity and improved geometric configuration;
- . Support the overall goals and objectives of the Draft Alexander Avenue Planning Study to enhance multi-modal access through and within the Alexander Avenue corridor;
- . Contribute to the improvement of the GGNRA Marin Headlands area transportation network as envisioned in the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker Transportation Infrastructure and Management Plan (TIMP); and
- . Respect the special natural and visitor attributes of the GGNRA and minimize adverse effects to natural, scenic, and historic resources associated with the Alexander Avenue corridor to the greatest extent possible.

3/12/2012	Napa		Notice	Downtown napa specific Plan Draft EIR	City of Napa Planning Department	Julianne Ward	(707) 257-9345
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The Downtown Napa Specific Plan would guide all new development in the Planning Area through detailed policies, design guidelines and development standards and financing mechanisms. New development projects would be required to follow the policies, programs and guidelines set forth in the specific plan. Existing developments would not be directly affected unless the occupants or owners choose to expand or change their structures, grounds or uses.

3/12/2012	San Francisco		Notice	San Antonio Backup Pipeline Project - Draft EIR	San Francisco Planning Department	Bill Wycko	(415) 558-6409
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The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) proposes to implement the San Antonio Backup Pipeline (SABPL) project to provide reliable conveyance capacity for planned and emergency discharges of Hetch Hetchy water out of the SFPUC regional water system under future flow conditions. The project is needed because the existing SFPUC facilities do not have sufficient capacity to discharge the future maximum Hetch Hetchy flow of 315 million gallons per day. The proposed improvements include a 7,000-foot-long backup pipeline, a new discharge facility at an open quarry pit (Pit F3-East), a cutoff wall to facilitate the management of water

2/6/2012	San Francisco City and County		Notice	North Shore to Channel Force Main Project - Project receiving environmental review	San Francisco Planning Department	Karen Frye (SFPUC)	(415) 554-1652
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This San Francisco PUC is proposing to implement the North Shore to Channel Force Main Project in the financial district and south of Market areas of San Francisco to bypass a portion of the existing North Point Force Main that has been subject to leakage, as well as to prevent potential discharge of untreated wastewater into San Francisco Bay. This proposed project consists of construction of a new 3,300-foot-long force main--referred to as the North Short to Channel Force Main--installation of two underground vaults for flow control at the northern terminus of the new force main, replacement/relocation of approximately 1,600 feet of water mains that conflict with the proposed pipeline, and repavement of roads within the project alignment. The project would be implemented within San Francisco street rights-of-way, except for the 185-foot segment beneath the former Jackson Street right-of-way, which is within an easement (Assessor's Block 201, Lot 12).

2/3/2012	San Francisco City and County		Notice	1321 Mission Street (aka 104-9th Street)	San Francisco Planning Department	Monica Pereira	(415) 575-9107
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The project site is a 0,208 square foot (sf) lot located in San Francisco, on the southwest corner of Mission and 9th Streets, in the South of Market neighborhood and within the Mid-Market Area Plan. The property was built circa 1026 and contains a 12,860 sf one-story commercial structure with a partial basement, most recently occupied by a furniture store. The project sponsor proposes to demolish the existing structure and construct a new 120 foot, 11 story residential-over-commercial building with approximately 99,959 gross square feet (gsf) including: 5,356 gsf of ground floor commercial space, 77,908 gsf of residential space, and 6,967 gsf of common open space. Above the ground floor, there would be 10 stories of residential uses with a total of 180 dwelling units. Floors 2 through 4, 10, and 11 would contain 12 studio units and 4 two-bedroom units. Floors 5 through 9 would each contain 20 studio units. Of the 180 dwelling units, 27 units (15 percent) would be offered at below market rates. The project would provide two car-share parking spaces in a small garage on the ground floor, and approximately 4,250 gsf of basement space dedicated to bicycle parking, which could accommodate approximately 360 bicycles. There would be no other off-street parking or freight loading spaces.

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
11/3/2012	Sonoma		Notice	Jaime Lane Workforce Housing - Intent to Request Release of Funds	Sonoma County Community Development Commission	Kathleen H. Kane	

The proposed project involves new construction of six single family homes at a currently vacant 0.67 acre parcel located in the City of Cotati, at the northeast corner of East Cotati Avenue and Jaime Lane. The homes will be available for ownership by the local workforce. The target population will be people who currently live or work in Cotati with 51% of income levels of 80% or below of the Area Median Income. The homes will remain permanently affordable with the use of the ground lease so that the cost of the land will be minimal and the home affordable to the family income. Housing Land Trust of Sonoma County will hold the land in trust and provide homeowners assistance during the course of homeownership. Each of the six units will have three bedrooms, 1,470 square feet of living area, separate parking and garden areas. Two of the units will be detached; four will be duets. Total project cost is estimated to be \$2,316,470 from all funding resources.

2/21/2012	Sonoma		NOP	SCWMA Compost Facility - DEIR	Sonoma County Waste Management Agency	Patrick Carter	
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The proposed project includes constructing a new compost facility that would replace the existing composting facility at the Central Disposal Site. The objectives for the proposed project are the relocation of the SCWMA's composting operations from its current location at the County's Central Disposal Site; the establishment of a permanent composting facility in Sonoma County with sufficient capacity for current and future quantities; and to assist jurisdictions within SCWMA's service area in meeting the goals and objectives for waste diversion as set forth in the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 *AB 939*.