

PUBLIC NOTICE INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION SOUTH BAYSIDE SYSTEM AUTHORITY

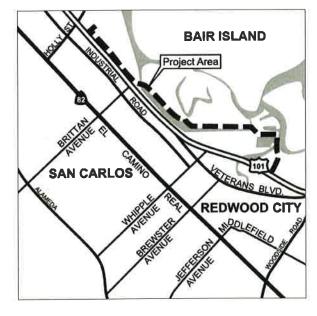
This notice serves to advise the public that the South Bayside System Authority (SBSA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have completed environmental review in the form of a joint Initial Study and Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) on the project identified below, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), respectively. Environmental review examines the nature and extent of any adverse effects on the environment that could occur if a project is approved and implemented. Based on the review, SBSA has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for this project and proposes to adopt the MND. An MND is a statement by SBSA that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment if protective measures (mitigation measures) are included in the project.

In accordance with CEQA (Public Resources Code) Section 21092.6 project sites that are included on lists of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are to be disclosed in this notice. The project location does contain listed toxic sites.

Project Title: South Bayside System Authority 48-inch Force Main Reliability Improvement Project (CIP No. 6001)

Project Description and Location: SBSA is proposing to construct and install a replacement 48-inch high density polyethylene (HDPE) sewer force main within the cities of Redwood City and San Carlos in San Mateo County, California. The project is part of the SBSA's overall Capital Improvement Program which replaces and upgrades aging infrastructure, and will ensure the reliable operation of the overall sanitary sewer conveyance system. The new force main is intended to reduce the likelihood of spills and discharge of untreated wastewater to surrounding environments, which has occurred with the existing reinforced concrete pipe sewer force main. The existing 48-inch force main segments would remain in place but not function as a sewage transmission line.

Public Open House: A public open house to provide information about the project and the IS/EA will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Redwood Shores Public Library, 399 Marine Parkway, Redwood City, CA 94065.



The public comment period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on <u>August 27, 2012</u> and ends on <u>September 26, 2012</u>.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment are available online at: http://www.sbsa.org/ and the USFWS website at www.fws.gov/desfbay/. The documents are also available for review at the temporary SBSA administrative office located at 1201 Radio Road (2nd Floor), Redwood City, California on weekdays during normal business hours (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and at the USFWS Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters office located at 1 Marshlands Road, Fremont, California on Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Public Hearing: A public hearing to adopt the MND is tentatively planned for 8:00 AM on November 8, 2012 at the SBSA administrative office located on 1201 Radio Road (2nd Floor), Redwood City, California. A separate notice for the hearing will be published including the final date, time and place.

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