**Notice of Availability (NOA)**

**for the**

**City of Belvedere Seismic Upgrade Project**

**Draft Environmental Impact Report**

DATE: October 5, 2022

TO: Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Belvedere

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Belvedere has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), consistent with Articles 7 through 10 of the *CEQA Guidelines*, for Belvedere Seismic Upgrade Project. The City requests your comments on the adequacy of the environmental analysis presented in the DEIR, in accordance with Section 15087 of the *CEQA Guidelines*. Copies of the DEIR are available on the City’s website at: <https://www.cityofbelvedere.org/461/The-Critical-Infrastructure-Project>

As specified by the *CEQA Guidelines*, the DEIR will be circulated for a 45-day public review period. The City welcomes public input during this period. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your written comments must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than the close of the public review period on Friday, November 18, 2022.

**RESPONDING TO THIS NOA:** Responses to this NOA and any related questions or comments regarding the scope or content of the Draft EIR, must be directed in writing to: **Mr. Robert Zadnik, City Manager, City of Belvedere, 450 San Rafael Ave., Belvedere, CA 94920 or by email to** [**EIRcomments@cityofbelvedere.org**](mailto:EIRcomments@cityofbelvedere.org)**.** Comments on the NOA must be received at the above mailing or e-mail address by **Friday, November 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m**. Please reference the project as “BSUP EIR” in all correspondence.

**Project Description**

This EIR evaluates the Belvedere Seismic Upgrade Project (BSUP or project), a City of Belvedere proposal to install sheet piling along specific segments of San Rafael Avenue and Beach Road in an area of existing levees. Soils comprising the levees upon which these two main roads were built consist primarily of intermixed sands and Bay mud layers produced from the dredging process that established the Belvedere Lagoon and levees. These layers are prone to liquefaction in an earthquake. In the event of an earthquake, liquefaction could cause the levees to deform. The proposed sheet piles would counter this effect and stabilize the levees to maintain road access for emergency vehicles.

**Potential Environmental Impacts**

All potential impacts identified for the project could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. Potentially significant impacts were identified in the Draft EIR in the following areas: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, and tribal cultural resources. Each of these impacts would be mitigated to a less than significant level if the identified mitigation measures were implemented.