

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Proposed Project: Routine Maintenance and Restoration Program

Project Location: Routine maintenance activities will be implemented as needed throughout Park District properties and facilities including newly acquired properties in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Due to the nature of these projects (i.e., repairing and replacing failed infrastructure and restoring degraded habitats), the locations of all future routine maintenance and restoration projects are not known at this time. However, the habitat types in which routine maintenance projects occur are known and generally include streams and associated riparian habitat, as well as catch basins, seeps, springs, ponds, lakes, beaches, tidal marshes, and shoreline levees. As shown on the attached figure 2.1, completed routine maintenance projects are widely distributed across Park District lands.

Project Description: Under the RMRP, the Park District conducts a variety of routine maintenance activities in streams, catch basins, seeps, springs, ponds, reservoirs, beaches, tidal marshes, and shoreline levees. The purpose of these activities is to maintain existing facilities, protect water quality, reduce erosion, maintain public and emergency access, and maintain natural resources that support a variety of state and federally listed, special-status, and other native species. As part of the routine maintenance activities, the Park District also restores various aquatic and wetland ecosystems, including lentic (i.e., still fresh water, such as a pond or lake) and lotic (i.e., flowing fresh water, such as a stream) habitat; these restoration activities focus on enhancement and/or creation of aquatic ecosystems, with the primary objective to promote the conservation and recovery of sensitive species and riparian habitats, and in some cases, to provide habitat compensation for routine maintenance activities. Over a five-year period, excluding habitat restoration projects, habitat disturbance from projects conducted under the RMRP will not exceed 2.50 total acres, with approximately two-thirds of those acres expected to be temporary impacts. The size of the work crew implementing RMRP activities generally varies between three and six personnel and most projects are completed in 1 to 5 days. However, larger habitat restoration projects may require up to approximately 6 weeks to complete. Project activities include culvert repair, replacement, and maintenance, maintenance of sediment debris from culverts and streams, installation and maintenance of crossings and fords, bank stabilization, installation and maintenance of clear span bridges, maintenance and redevelopment of spring boxes, maintenance dredging of silt basins, ponds, and lakes, maintenance of existing recreational facilities, and removal of hazardous structures and vessels.

Significant Effects on the Environment: An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15070 – 15073. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration finds that the proposed project would result in “potentially significant” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” environmental impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology, soils, and seismicity, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. While it is unknown at this time if a future project site is listed on any list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, mitigation measures have been included that will reduce impact to less than significant if a project is located on such a site. Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, implementation of feasible mitigation measures would either avoid or reduce to a level of insignificance identified environmental impacts.

Public Review Period – Starting and Ending Dates: The 30-day public review period would start on Friday, June 17th, 2022 and end on Monday, July 18, 2022. Please submit any comments in writing that you may have on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration by the end of the comment period, to the following address:

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Address Where Document is Available for Public Review: The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting documents may be reviewed on the East Bay Regional Park District website:
<https://www.ebparks.org/our-work>

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Completed Routine Maintenance and Restoration Program Activities on East Bay Regional Park District Land

Projects Completed Since 2018

- 2018 (41 Total Projects)
- 2019 (33 Total Projects)
- 2020 (28 Total Projects)
- 2021 (27 Total Projects)

■ EBRPD Parklands and Regional Trails (RMRP Area)

■ Other Open Space Areas (Not Included in RMRP)

----- County Boundary

