



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

DRAFT Planning Commission Motion NO. M-XXXXX

HEARING DATE: December 15, 2016

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Case No.: **2005.0912E**
Project Address: **Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan¹**
Zoning: N/A
Block/Lot: 31 Natural Areas in San Francisco and Pacifica (various parcels)
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN.

MOVED, that the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") hereby CERTIFIES the final Environmental Impact Report identified as Case No. 2005.0912E, the "Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan" (hereinafter "Project"), based upon the following findings:

1. The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") fulfilled all procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Admin. Code Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA Guidelines") and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (hereinafter "Chapter 31").
 - A. The Department determined that an Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "EIR") was required and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on April 22, 2009.
 - B. The Department held a public scoping meeting on May 12, 2009 and May 14, 2009 in order to solicit public comment on the scope of the Project's environmental review.
 - C. On August 31, 2011, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "DEIR") and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment and of the date and time of the Planning

¹ The Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan, or SNRAMP, is now referred to as the Natural Resources Management Plan; however, to maintain consistency between the Draft EIR and the RTC document, the term SNRAMP will continue to be used.

Commission public hearing on the DEIR; this notice was mailed to the Department's list of persons requesting such notice.

- D. On August 31, 2011, copies of the DEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DEIR, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse.
 - E. Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on August 31, 2011.
2. The Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on said DEIR on October 6, 2011 at which opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment was received on the DEIR. The period for acceptance of written comments ended on October 31, 2011.
 3. On April 27, 2012, the Department opened a second public review and comment period for the DEIR, and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the second public review and comment period; this notice was mailed to the Department's list of persons requesting such notice and to neighborhood groups registered with the Department at that time. The period for acceptance of written comments ended on June 11, 2012.
 4. The Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the first 61-day public review period and the second 45-day public review period for the DEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, and corrected errors in the DEIR. This material was presented in a Comments and Responses document, published on November 16, 2016, distributed to the Commission and all parties who commented on the DEIR, and made available to others upon request at the Department.
 5. A Final Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "FEIR") has been prepared by the Department, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available, and the Comments and Responses document all as required by law.
 6. Project EIR files have been made available for review by the Commission and the public. These files are available for public review at the Department at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, and are part of the record before the Commission.
 7. On December 15, 2016, the Commission reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR and hereby does find that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized, and reviewed comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
 8. The project sponsor has indicated that the presently preferred alternative is the Significant Natural Resources Area Management Plan.

9. The Planning Commission hereby does find that the FEIR concerning File No. 2005.0912E: Significant Natural Resources Area Management Plan reflects the independent judgement and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate and objective, and that the Comments and Responses document contains no significant revisions to the DEIR that would require recirculation of the document pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15088.5, and hereby does CERTIFY THE COMPLETION of said FEIR in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
10. The Commission, in certifying the completion of said FEIR, hereby does find that the project described in the Environmental Impact Report and the project preferred by the project sponsor, described as the Significant Natural Resources Area Management Plan in FEIR would have the following significant unavoidable environmental impacts, which cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance:
 - A. A significant project specific and cumulative impact on Sharp Park Golf Course, a historic resource under CEQA, due to modification of golf holes for restoration activities;
 - B. A significant cumulative impact on recreation in dog play areas (DPAs) within Natural Areas due to increased use resulting from the reduction of dog play areas by the project and potentially by the National Park Service's (NPS) Dog Management Plan within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA);
 - C. A significant cumulative impact on biological resources within Natural Areas DPAs due to increased use resulting from the reduction of dog play areas by the project and potentially by the NPS Dog Management Plan within the GGNRA; and
 - D. A significant project-specific and cumulative impact on air quality from activities such as trail construction, hillside stabilization, erosion control, and tree removal.
11. The Planning Commission reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR prior to approving the Project.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was ADOPTED by the Planning Commission at its regular meeting of December 15, 2016.

Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: