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Uplands Area Clean Up To Be Completed **SFPUC Baylands Recovery Project - Phase One**

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This winter the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) will resume Phase I clean up and restoration of its water supply right-of-way near the Dumbarton Bridge in Menlo Park adjoining East Palo Alto. The work will be completed in the next 75 days.

Formerly the Peninsula's Sportsmen's Club, the site was used as a skeet and trap shooting range. Since the mid 1990's, the SFPUC has been working with regional regulatory agencies and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a plan to remove contaminants caused by skeet shooting and to restore the site to natural wetlands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently issued a permit to the SFPUC to proceed with clean up work at the site.

"I am pleased to announced that the SFPUC will be resuming this phase of the clean up and look forward to initiating the next phase of the project to preserve the nearby natural environment," said SFPUC General Manager Pat Martel. "We will also be working with a local job training group to hire nearly 40 per cent of the crew for this project," Martel added.

From January 2004 to March 2004, the contractor, Engineering/Remediation Resources Group, Inc, (ERRG), will excavate contaminated soils in the Seasonal Pond Area and in the Clay Pigeon Debris Area. The contractor will treat the soil on site and then remove the material via truck to a designated disposal facility.

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To accomplish the work, SFPUC's contractor will coordinate with OICW (Opportunities Industrialization Center West), a Peninsula nonprofit that trains and prepares people for entry into the workforce. OICW workers from the community will receive training for environmental clean up during this phase of the project. "This partnership was very successful last year and we will again train workers in this well-paying trade," noted General Manager Martel.

Throughout the clean up, stringent health and safety measures and environmental monitoring will be strictly enforced at the site. The entire work area will be secured with fencing along with 24-hour security. Additionally, the contractor will implement dust control measures and noise monitoring during all phases of the work.

To learn more about the Baylands Recovery Project or any of the SFPUC projects, please call SFPUC Communications at 415-554-3289 or please visit sfwater.org

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