

PUBLIC SCOPING

Scoping, or early consultation with persons or organizations concerned with the environmental effects of the project, is required when preparing a joint EIS/R. NEPA regulations Section 1506.6 requires that agencies make diligent efforts to involve the public in preparing and implementing their NEPA procedures. Pursuant to NEPA, a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS/R for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2 was published in the Federal Register on September 16, 2013. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, a Notice of Preparation was distributed to responsible agencies and the public on September 6, 2013. These notices announced a public comment period during which comments were received on the appropriate scope of the EIS/R. A public scoping meeting was held on September 24, 2013 to solicit comments on environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS/R. Scoping comments received during the scoping period are presented here.

I. Scoping Comment Letters Received (letters follow)

- Robert Shaver, Alameda County Water District
- Ellie Knecht, Bay Development and Conservation District
- Pat Mapelli, Cargill Salt
- City of Mountain View Public Works
- Alicia Aguirre, City of Redwood City
- James Clegg, Bodega Marine Laboratory, University of California, Davis
- Mitchell McEachern, Grand Valley State University
- Carin High, Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge
- Ellen Johnck, Ellen Johnck Consulting
- Libby Lucas, California Native Plant Society
- Chindi Peavey, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District
- Len Materman, San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
- Richard Santos, Santa Clara Valley Water Control District
- Cheryl Strong, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge
- Greg Unangst, Mountain View Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Friends of Stevens Creek Trail

II. September 24 Scoping Meeting: Sign-In/Attendance Lists (lists follow)

III. Summary of Scoping Comments (table follows)



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November 22, 2013

Ms. Brenda Buxton
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project
California Costal Conservatory
1330 Broadway 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Buxton:

Subject: Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/
Environmental Impact Report (SCH#2013092010) for the South Bay Salt Pond
Restoration Project, Phase 2

The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) wishes to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the "Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2."

ACWD supplies water to a population of over 331,000 in the Cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City. A major portion of this water supply is obtained from the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin that approximately coincides with ACWD's boundaries. The Niles Cone Groundwater Basin extends beneath the Alameda County portion of the project area. Therefore, it is imperative that ACWD protects the water quality and ensures the continued use of the groundwater basin for water supply for ACWD's customers. ACWD has reviewed the Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIS/EIR for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2 and would appreciate your consideration of the following comments:

1. Well Protection/Destruction: In order to protect the groundwater basin, ACWD regulates the construction, repair, and destruction of wells, exploratory holes, and other excavations located within the City of Fremont under ACWD Ordinance No. 2010-01. Currently, there is one abandoned well identified between ponds A 20 and A 21 in an area known as Drawbridge. Based on historical documents, ACWD believes that additional wells may be located within the Drawbridge area. Since Drawbridge is located between two ponds that are part of the restoration project, the area may be impacted by activities associated with the restoration.

As restoration activities continue, ACWD is concerned that access to the abandoned well due to fluctuating water levels and/or planned levee breaches will be impacted. It is imperative that the abandoned well be addressed prior to initiating any restoration activities that could prevent or limit well destruction activities. ACWD understands that additional levees in the Alameda County Alviso Ponds are expected to be breached in the near future. Any well that will be affected by a levee breach should be properly destroyed prior to the levee breach or the levee breach should be postponed until the abandoned well is properly destroyed. ACWD requests that this significant impact be addressed in the draft EIS/EIR.

2. Drilling Permit Requirement: As required by ACWD Ordinance No. 2010-01, drilling permits are required prior to the start of any subsurface drilling activities for wells, exploratory holes, and other excavations. Application for a permit may be obtained from ACWD's Engineering Department, at 43885 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont or online at <http://www.acwd.org>. Before a permit is issued, a cash or check deposit is required in a sufficient sum to cover the fee for issuance of the permit or charges for field investigation and inspection. All permitted work requires scheduling for inspection; therefore, all drilling activities must be coordinated with ACWD prior to the start of any field work.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Inn, Groundwater Resources Manager, at (510) 668-4441 or Michelle Myers, Well Ordinance Supervisor, at (510) 668-4454.

Sincerely,



Robert Shaver
Assistant General Manager – Engineering

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cc: Steven Inn, ACWD
Michelle Myers, ACWD

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November 27, 2013

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SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2
Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR)
SCH No. 2013092010

Dear Ms. Buxton:

On September 11, 2013, we received a copy of the Notice of Preparation for Phase 2 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. Various construction activities are proposed in the Alviso and Ravenswood Pond Complexes as part of Phase 2 to restore and enhance tidal wetlands and managed pond habitats while providing for flood management and public access opportunities. These objectives are strongly supported by the policies and past actions of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Commission staff reviews such notices on behalf of its Commission to assess, among other things, the project's consistency with the McAteer-Petris Act, the Commission's *San Francisco Bay Plan (Bay Plan)*, the Commission's federally-approved management plan for the San Francisco Bay, and the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. In reviewing the document, it appears that key policy issues for the Commission in reviewing this project will likely include an evaluation of the project in relation to the Commission's policies on salt ponds, dredging, tidal marshes and tidal flats, climate change, and public access. A short discussion of these policies follows:

Fill in Salt Ponds. The Commission's law and policies require that any fill placed in the Bay (and salt ponds) must be the minimum necessary to achieve the purpose of the fill. Further, the *Bay Plan* policies on salt ponds state that when salt ponds are withdrawn from salt production, the public should attempt to buy these lands "...and restore, enhance, or convert these areas to subtidal or wetland habitat. This type of purchase should have a high priority for any public funds available, because opening ponds to the Bay represents a substantial opportunity to enlarge the Bay and restoring, enhancing or converting ponds can benefit fish, other aquatic organisms and wildlife, and can increase public access to the Bay." The policies go on to state that restoration plans should include an analysis of all "potential fill activities [proposed] to assist restoration objectives." Thus the policies recommend returning much of former salt ponds to tidal action, but recognize that some fill may be desirable as part of a restoration plan designed to increase the diversity of species in the restored ponds. The environmental analysis should discuss how any proposed fill would be consistent with these policies both under current conditions and as sea level rises.

Dredged and Imported Material. The environmental analysis should consider how imported fill, whether dredged sediment or upland material, would be transported, distributed, stored, and used as part of this project, including potential environmental impacts from trucking and offloading and effects on the shoreline, salt ponds, subtidal areas, and fish, other aquatic organisms, and wildlife.

Restoration projects involving the placement of dredged material should provide a net improvement in habitat for Bay species, minimize adverse impacts to Bay resources, use the minimum amount of material necessary to accomplish the habitat goals, protect water quality, preserve water surface area, and have a high probability for success.

Tidal Marshes and Tidal Flats. The *Bay Plan* policies on tidal marshes and tidal flats require ecosystem restoration projects to include long-term and short-term biological and physical goals, success criteria, and a monitoring program. The policies state that the "design and evaluation of the project should include an analysis of: (a) how the system's adaptive capacity can be enhanced so that it is resilient to sea level rise and climate change; (b) the impact of the project on the Bay's sediment budget; (c) localized sediment erosion and accretion; (d) the role of tidal flows; (e) potential invasive species introduction, spread, and their control; (f) rates of colonization by vegetation; (g) the expected use of the site by fish, other aquatic organisms and wildlife; (h) an appropriate buffer, where feasible, between shoreline development and habitats to protect wildlife and provide space for marsh migration as sea level rises; and (i) site characterization." The environmental analysis should provide the analysis described above and address how these issues have been factored into the design and evaluation of the project and consider adaptive measures that may be taken if success criteria are not met.

Climate Change. The *Bay Plan* Climate Change policies require that larger projects be designed to be resilient to mid-century sea level rise projection with an adaptive management plan for addressing long-term impacts beyond mid-century. The *Bay Plan* Tidal Marshes policies state that the design and evaluation of any ecosystem restoration project should include an analysis of how the system's adaptive capacity can be enhanced so that it is resilient to sea level rise and climate change. The Commission will likely require a risk assessment based on projections of mid- and end-of-century sea level rise that analyzes how the proposed project, including proposed structures, transition zone and habitats, may transition and evolve with rising sea levels.

Public Access. Any project within the Commission's jurisdiction must provide the maximum feasible public access consistent with the project. Public access should be sited, designed and managed "to prevent significant adverse effects on wildlife" and "to avoid significant adverse impacts from sea level rise and shoreline flooding." The Commission will review the public access provided as part of the project and evaluate strategies that may reduce or prevent adverse impacts from sea level rise and human/wildlife interactions.

We look forward to continuing a dialogue with the project proponents regarding this project in relation to these and other Commission policies that govern the South Bay salt ponds. Please feel free to contact me at 415-352-3668 or elliek@bcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



ELLIE KNECHT
Coastal Analyst

EK/ms





November 14, 2013

Brenda Buxton, Project Manager
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Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact
Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the South Bay
Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2 – Comment Letter – w/encl.
Cargill file #: 3000.006:14c, 312.010:4, 341.002:21

Dear Ms. Buxton,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this EIS/EIR. As you know, Cargill conveyed 16,500 acres of its property to the state and federal government in 2003, which has essentially created the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project (SBSPRP). In fact, Cargill has conveyed over 40,000 acres of its lands since 1978 for public resource uses. As a stakeholder in the SBSPRP, we are excited to see the project move forward and are pleased to provide our comments.

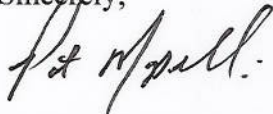
Attached for your reference are comments that I previously provided on September 10, 2013 to Ariel Ambruster and John Bourgeois. Ariel acknowledged receipt of those comments and passed them along to URS, your EIS/EIR consultant. Since I have not received confirmation that my comments have been incorporated, I am providing them again for inclusion.

Another item that I would like to be noted is with regards to Figure 5 – Ravenswood Ponds – more specifically the Redwood City Flood Control Project Approximate Boundary. Although this project is considered an “adjacent project”, a portion of the Ravenswood Ponds plan is dependent upon this project. Please note that a portion of the Redwood City Flood Control Project involves lands owned in fee by Cargill. Cargill has been engaged with both the City of Redwood City and the SBSPRP on this issue and is supportive of this concept. With that said, there are several details that need to be worked out between Cargill and the City of Redwood City prior to the initiation of the Redwood City Flood Control Project.

In summary, the inclusion of the storm water bypass structure from the Bayfront Canal to the Ravenswood Pond complex can provide some potential fresh water habitat and improved water quality to the San Francisco Bay. This component of the project can also assist in alleviating some of the flood risks in this region, benefiting some of the neighborhoods and communities within Redwood City, Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside, and unincorporated San Mateo County.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2. Should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (510) 790-8610 or alternatively you can email me at pat_mapelli@cargill.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Mapelli". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Pat Mapelli,
Manager, Real Property
Cargill Salt
7220 Central Avenue
Newark, CA 94560

Pat Mapelli

From: Ambruster, Ariel [aambrust@ccp.csus.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 10:09 AM
To: Pat Mapelli
Subject: RE: Upcoming Meetings September 24, 2013

Pat, thanks for this! I have passed it along to URS, our EIS/R consultant.

See you soon!

Ariel

From: Pat Mapelli [mailto:Pat_Mapelli@cargill.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 9:50 AM
To: Ambruster, Ariel
Cc: jbourgeois@scc.ca.gov
Subject: FW: Upcoming Meetings September 24, 2013

Good morning Ariel:

I will be in attendance for the September 24th Working Groups meeting, but will not be able to stay for the public scoping session. With that said, I have reviewed the material for the September 24th meeting and would like to provide the following comments to be incorporated in the record.

1. The first attachment includes Figures 1 and 2 from the Opportunities and Constraints for Ravenswood Pond Complex Report dated June 28, 2012 by URS Corp. Figure 1 identifies Cargill's Salt Plant Site as a "Non-project pond". Please have URS remove the shading on Cargill's Salt Plant Site and remove it from the maps legend as it has no bearing on the project and it outside the Project Area. I have provided some notes on Figure 2 from the same document to show Cargill's ownership and/or rights within the Project Area. Please make sure these are identified and considered within the Phase II planning process.
2. The second attachment includes Figure 5 from the Phase II Ravenswood Map and the Phase 2: Eden Landing Handout. Figure 5 generated by URS shows an "existing trail" continuing onto Cargill's Salt Plant Site. Please have URS remove this trail section as it does not exist. The Phase 2: Eden Landing Handout map generated by URS shows a Phase II trail along the eastern levee of Cargill's Pond 3C. It should be noted that this section of trail needs to be in cooperation with Cargill or located elsewhere.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I look forward to the Working Group meeting on the 24th.

Thanks,

Pat

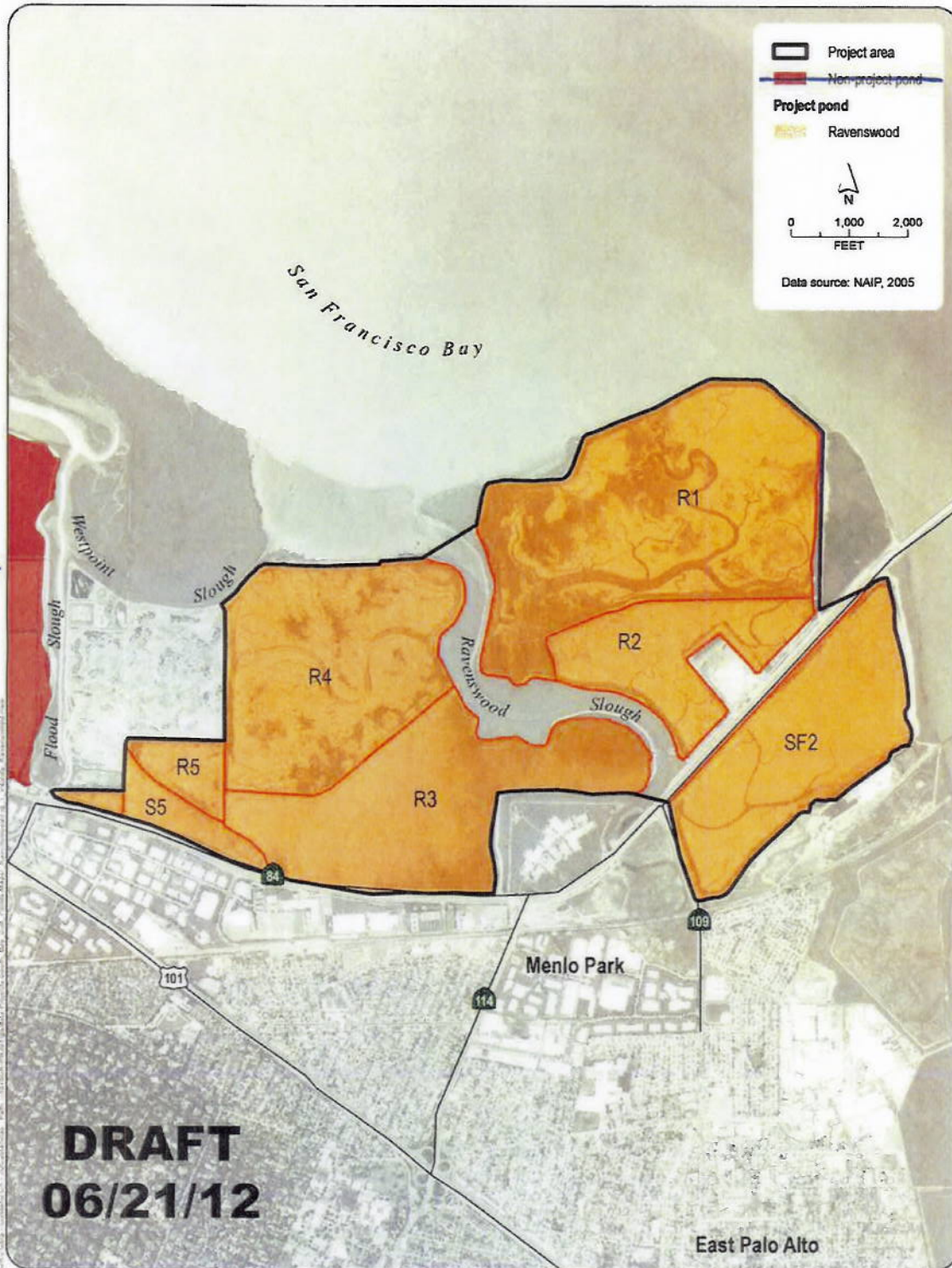
From: sbsp-announce-bounces@southbayrestoration.org [mailto:sbsp-announce-bounces@southbayrestoration.org] **On Behalf Of** SBSP announcements
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 1:42 PM
To: sbsp-announce
Subject: Upcoming Meetings September 24, 2013

Dear Friend of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project,

You are invited to a combined meeting of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project **Stakeholder Forum and Alviso, Eden Landing and Ravenswood Working Groups** on **Tuesday, September 24**, from 1:00-3:45 p.m. at the **San Jose Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant**, at **700 Los Esteros Road, San Jose**.

The meeting will be preceded by an **11:00-12:15 p.m. tour** of Ponds A16-17, where pond enhancement and restoration work has recently been completed.

Shortly after the Stakeholder Forum/Working Groups meeting, the Project will hold a **4:00-6:00 PM public scoping session** to gather your input on recommended issues to analyze in the upcoming Environmental Impact Statement/Report for Phase 2 restoration and public access construction at Alviso and Ravenswood ponds. A map and more information about the meeting are available on the Project website at <http://www.southbayrestoration.org/planning/phase2/>.



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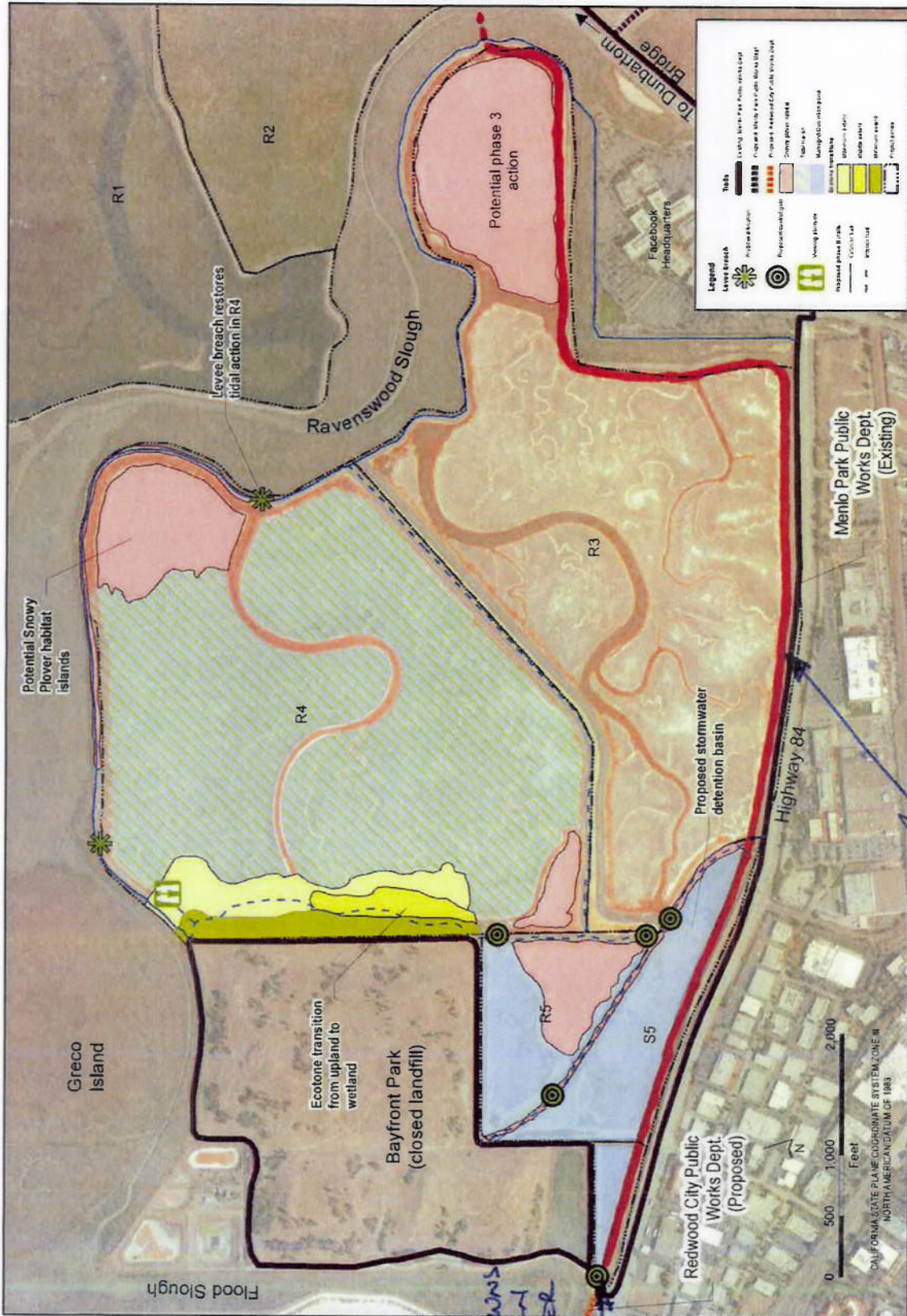


FIGURE 2
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RAVENSWOOD POND COMPLEX

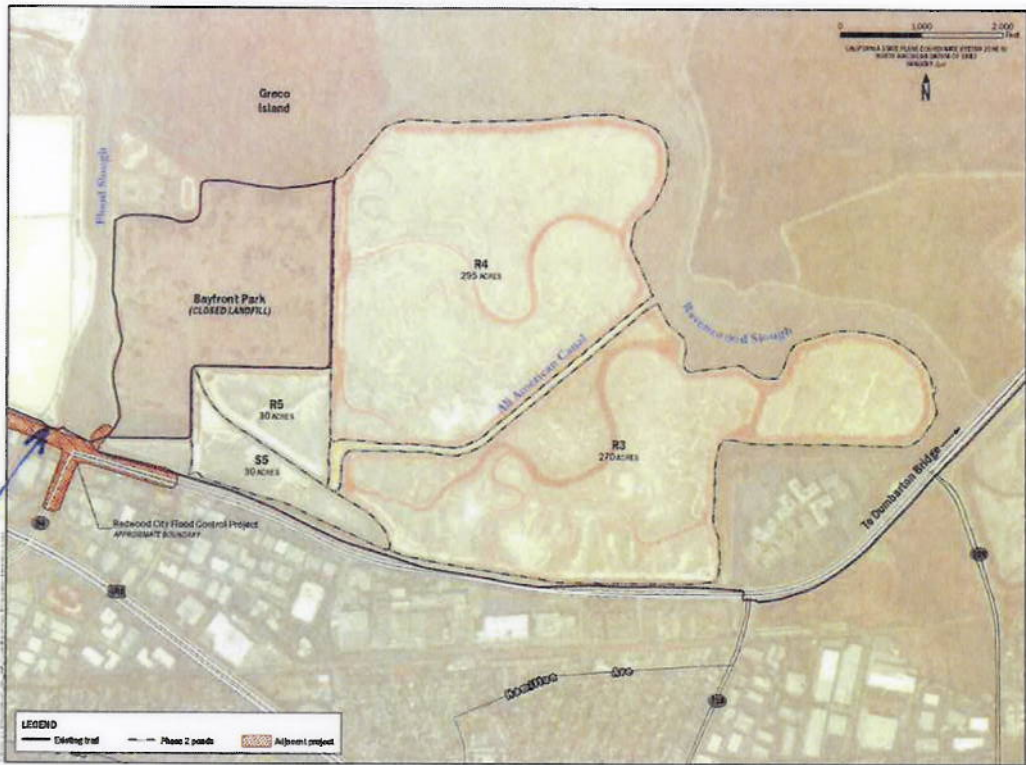
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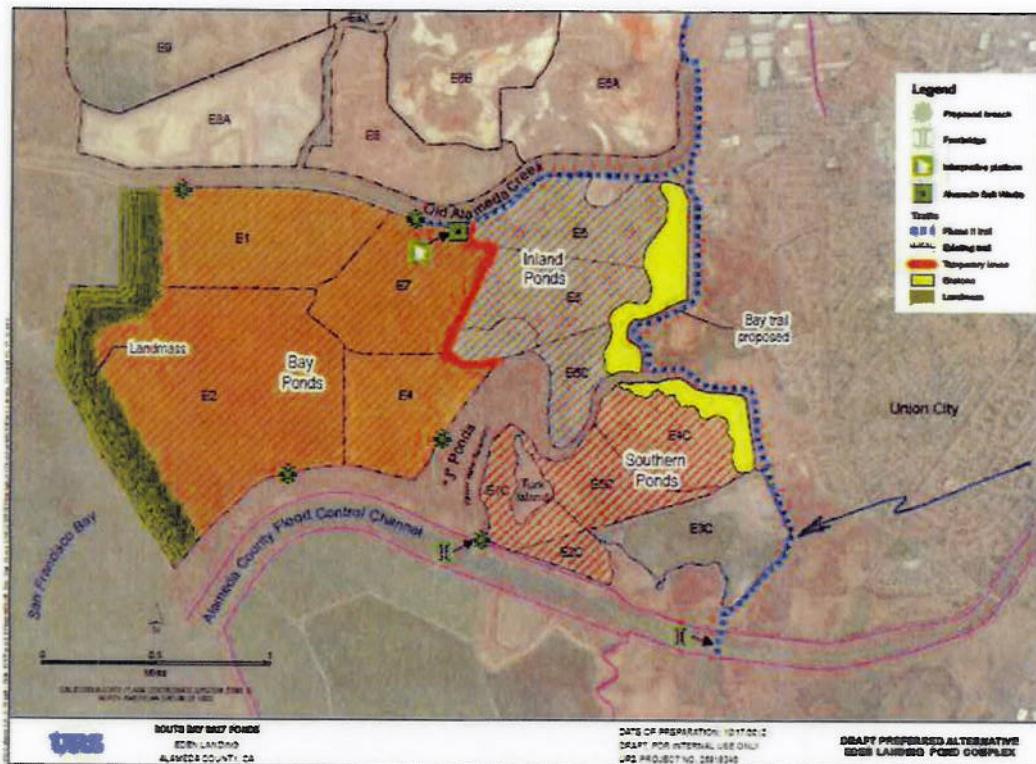
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Figure 5
Ravenswood Ponds

**Phase 2: Eden Landing
Handout, Stakeholder Forum/Working Groups 11-15-12 Meeting**

Early Conceptual Diagram under Consideration:



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Possible Phase 2 Actions:

1. **Restoration: Ponds E1-E7, E1C, E2C, E4C and E5C: Tidal Marsh Restoration.** The 2,500 acres of ponds are being analyzed for possible restoration in phases over time. A variety of configurations and timing are under consideration.
2. **Flood Risk Management: Alameda County Flood Control District Landmass Concept.** The District is proposing a "landmass" at least 100 feet wide on the western Bay-front edge of ponds E1-2 as a means of flood protection and to dampen tidal surges. It has the potential to provide intertidal, wetland fringe and upland habitats.
3. **Public Access:** Create new Bay Trail spurs, interpretive display at old Alvarado Saltworks, and potential construction of portions of the Bay Trail spine.
4. **Habitat Enhancement:** Possible construction of upland transition zone (ecotone) at Project's eastern edge.

REVIEW COMMENT SHEET

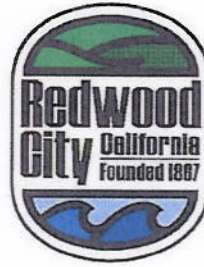
DOCUMENT NAME/DATE: South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project – Phase 2
Draft NOI, NOP (August 2013)

REVIEWER: City of Mountain View Staff
 RESPONDER: _____
 DATE: August 23, 2013

NO.	COMMENTER	DOCUMENT/ LOCATION	COMMENT	RESPONSE
1.	Public Works	GENERAL	This review is focused on the draft NOI and NOP only. During the NOI/NOP commenting period, the City may provide additional comments on the issues and concerns that should be addressed in the draft EIS/EIR.	
2.	Public Works	NOP, Page 2	Project Location: The Alviso Mountain View Ponds do not include Charleston Slough. While it is understood that Charleston Slough is an alternative scenario to the project, since it is not a component of the proposed project in this EIS/EIR, the City is concerned that the Charleston Slough component would not have the in-depth environmental analysis as compared to other components in the proposed project.	
3.	Public Works	NOP, Page 2	Project Location: Please list the total acres for each of the four pond clusters. It provides a scale on the magnitude of each cluster, and relation to the project as a whole.	
4.	Public Works	NOP, Page 2	Project Description, Habitat Restoration Actions: (1) What is the difference between the second and fourth bullet points? (2) Would one of the potential restoration actions be planting or seeding marsh vegetation? (3) Would any barriers be placed to limit potential human disturbance to the restoration areas?	
5.	Public Works	NOP, Page 3	Project Description, Flood Risk Management: Should also include ensuring the existing flood management system will neither be compromised structurally (levee stability, erosion potential), nor significantly increase the life cycle operation and maintenance requirements.	
6.	Public Works	NOP, Page 3	Probable Environmental Effects: There are a number of items that concern the City such as: sea water intrusion and increased groundwater table at the Shoreline landfill, construction traffic access, and water supply to Sailing Lake (under Charleston Slough alternative). During the NOI/NOP commenting period, the City will provide additional comments on the issues and concerns that should be addressed in the draft EIS/EIR.	
7.	Public Works	NOI, Page 2	First paragraph, third line, “It would also include STORAGE and use of ...”: Where would the storage be located, and how would they be used?	
8.	Public Works	NOI, Page 2	The City would like to be included in the Stakeholder Forum group for the Phase 2 project.	
9.	Public Works	NOI, Page 5	Second paragraph, fourth line: Would it be three or four geographically separate pond clusters?	
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November 13, 2013

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RE: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2 – Comment Letter

Dear Ms. Buxton,

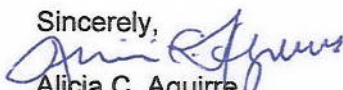
We are writing to express our strong support for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, which is currently soliciting public comments for the preparation of the EIS/EIR.

In particular, the inclusion of the storm water bypass structure from the Bayfront Canal to the Ravenswood Pond complex and the storm water detention opportunities of the project is of great significance and value to the San Francisco Bay. These components of the project are crucial to the flood risk management of the region, benefiting the neighborhoods and communities within Redwood City, Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside, and unincorporated San Mateo County.

The City of Redwood City is a proud partner with the Coastal Conservancy in innovative watershed improvement and flood mitigation efforts. Such efforts are of regional importance and highly compliment the wetland restoration at the Ravenswood pond complex of the Phase 2 South Bay Salt Pond Restoration project.

Therefore, we support the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project and appreciate the opportunity to comment on this multi-beneficial project of regional importance. Please feel free to contact Grace Le at (650)780-7258 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Alicia C. Aguirre
Mayor, Redwood City

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Dr. Bob Bell, City Manager

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From: [Ambruster, Ariel](#)
To: [Halsing, David](#)
Cc: jbourgeois@scc.ca.gov
Subject: FW: Artemia franciscana
Date: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 2:56:41 PM

From: Jim Clegg [mailto:jsclegg@ucdavis.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 2:40 PM
To: Ambruster, Ariel
Subject: Artemia franciscana

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I and my scientific colleagues around the world are very concerned about the survival and continued availability of the cysts of this important species. These cysts have been shown to be unique amongst all those of Artemia around the world. We know from literally hundreds of published papers, and also a number of books that they have evolved many biochemical and biophysical adaptations that render them the most stress-resistant of all animal life history stages. Indeed they are considered to be animal "extremophiles."

Thus, my colleagues and I are concerned that we might lose this particular population of Artemia existing in the San Francisco Bay. Another consideration concerns the quality of these cysts. When they were being "farmed" the **quality** of the harvested cysts remained extremely high (for example the hatching level), a matter of considerable importance to the basic research programs of many laboratories. As of recent times it has become impossible to obtain high quality cysts or, indeed, any cysts at all!

My colleagues and I urge decision makers to resume the husbandry of Artemia in significant areas and allow the regular harvesting of cysts because it is this practice that has kept cyst quality so high, a contention that can easily be documented.

My colleagues and I have no financial interests whatsoever. But it is clear that the proper husbandry and harvesting of cysts will require involvement of commerce since the local or federal governments are not at all likely to provide the funds for those purposes.

Finally I wish to emphasize again that it is because of commercial involvement in the past that the Artemia populations have reached very high quality. I am sorry to say that because that involvement has declined, so has the quality of the Artemia cyst population. We respectfully request that those who are making decisions in these areas carefully consider the issues and matters I have raised here. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, James S. Clegg, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Biology, and the Bodega Marine

Laboratory, University of California, Davis. jsclegg@ucdavis.edu, voice 707 875 2010

From: [Ambruster, Ariel](#)
To: [Halsing, David](#)
Cc: jbourgeois@scc.ca.gov
Subject: Website comment on alternatives
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2013 10:18:38 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: sbasp-qa@southbayrestoration.org [<mailto:sbsp-qa@southbayrestoration.org>]
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 6:56 AM
To: SBSP Question
Subject: An SBSP question or comment

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This is regarding:
Habitat; Public Access and Recreation; Flood Management;

Question or comment:

We have reviewed your alternatives to a very well proposed project and only had one concern. In your alternatives, you stated the no action alternative, varying levels and means of flood management and recreation and public access components alternatives but we do not see an alternative that addresses the Biophysical approach of the matter. In the original plan there are evident biophysical approaches to Phase 2, but if an alternative plan was chosen, how are these biophysical approaches being addressed?

We can clearly see the actions of restoring the wetlands and habitats as an important matter but only the economic and social matters were addressed in the alternatives. If varying the water levels and creating flood management areas on the properties is the social and economic sides of the approach, how will these affect the surrounding ecosystems and even natural beauty of the areas?

When acknowledging the landowners or managers of the public infrastructure on adjacent properties, how are the remaining environment factors considered? This area that is being restored for flood management could be a potential home/habitat for a migratory mammal.

Are these restorations and water flood management areas going to affect more than just the landowners and businesses and can the plans of restoration actually enhance wildlife opportunities for the surrounding areas?

As wildlife and natural resource management students, we greatly appreciate your consideration towards the previous homeowners that may live in the ground and all considerations possible. Please take into consideration our concerns and thank you for your time.

From: [Ariel Ambruster](#)
To: [Halsing, David](#)
Subject: FW: oh dear
Date: Monday, October 14, 2013 3:36:21 PM
Importance: High

From: C/H High [mailto:howardhigh1@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 2:59 PM
To: 'Ariel Ambruster'; jbourgeois@scc.ca.gov
Cc: 'Arthur Feinstein'; 'Florence LaRiviere'; Eileen McLaughlin
Subject: oh dear
Importance: High

Dear Ariel and John,

This slipped my mind. Even though the CEQA comment period has closed and the NEPA deadline is in two days, would it be possible to get copies of the NOP and NOI? I looked through my emails and didn't receive copies of either of those documents. The only notification I can find is the stakeholder meeting notice and the workshop meeting notices in which the scoping process is referred to, but not the actual notices.

As this has slipped my mind due to other projects, I fear I won't have time to respond. But my concerns as always, regard

- the balance of competing resource needs that must be considered,
- the issue of appropriately locating public access,
- as always transition zones, and their locations (is there any thought to trying to replicate naturally occurring levees within some of the more extensive areas of planned tidal marsh - so that there is some topographical variability within the marsh plain, so species such as SMHM might have higher elevation refugia within the marsh plain during flood events?)
- phasing of work to allow for relocation of species that will be impacted by conversion of ponds during phase 2
- one of the most difficult issues to wrap my head around is how three massive plans - salt pond restoration phase 2, shoreline study, and WPCP Master Plan can be viewed separately, they all appear to be so inextricably linked...

I am sure there are other comments I would have made, had I remembered there was a comment deadline looming.

I am asking to be put onto whatever email mailing list is appropriate so that I will receive links to the EIR/EIS when it comes out, and any other support material that might inform an understanding of the phase 2 work.

Regards,
Carin

From: [Ambruster, Ariel](#)
To: [Halsing, David](#); jbourgeois@scc.ca.gov
Subject: FW: NOP comments re Phase 2
Date: Monday, December 02, 2013 4:22:07 PM

From: CCCR [mailto:cccrrrefuge@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2013 3:56 PM
To: Ambruster, Ariel
Cc: Florence LaRiviere; Arthur Feinstein
Subject: NOP comments re Phase 2

Dear Ariel,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping comments and thank you for the time extension.

I have a few additional scoping comments to submit, in addition to the email I sent previously.

* I am concerned about the viability of proposed SNPL habitat creation in Pond R5 and habitat across the levee in Pond R4 given the proposal for continued public access on all the levees surrounding Pond R4. Will the public access next to proposed SNPL habitat have adverse impacts to SNPL breeding success, if SNPL flush off nests in response to public access disturbance? .

* Public access should not be located in the middle of the proposed transition zone along the northern boundary of R4 as conceptually indicated on Figure 2. This is extremely problematic if the transition zone is proposed to support species such as the federally listed SMHM and California clapper rail and if dogs will be permitted on this trail. We do not oppose public access, but this should not be located in areas that may support sensitive or listed species. It might be possible to reduce concerns if public access is provided by elevated boardwalk, and dogs are not allowed on the boardwalk.

* What is the long term sustainability for proposed SNPL habitat in Ponds R, 4, 5, and 3? If these areas are not resilient to sea level rise concerns, then they should not be proposed as SNPL habitat.

* Regarding efforts on behalf of SNPL, there must be some habitat creation at appropriate locations, "letting them come in naturally" is not an appropriate alternative, as the salt pond restoration project by design will result in reduced SNPL breeding habitat as managed ponds are converted to tidal marsh.

* Public access should not be proposed between Ponds R3 and R4

* Managing Pond S5 as a managed pond, while providing flood retention to help relieve flooding in neighboring communities of Menlo Park and Redwood City seem to be a good approach. What pond depths are envisioned and how would potential sedimentation build up or accumulation of contaminants in this pond be dealt with? Could there be any cost share for the maintenance and/or replacement of flood control structures with Menlo Park and Redwood City?

* Please provide scientific evidence that the use of floating islands has been successful for SNPL breeding habitat.

* Please provide some explanation of how the restoration activities of the South Bay Salt

Pond Restoration Project, any mitigation performed for the Shoreline Study Levee project, and any mitigation for the San Jose Water Pollution Control Plant Master Plan are or are not inter-related. Also, please provide figures or explanation as to how the restoration/mitigation actions for these projects do or do not overlap.

* The concept of creating transitional habitat on the landward side of Ponds A2 and A2W should be pursued further.

* Is there a way to create areas within the areas to be restored to "tidal marsh" that are more open water in character - that is, can the tidal marsh restoration of Ponds A1 and A2W be designed to provide habitat for dabbling ducks through topographic heterogeneity?

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide scoping comments.

Regards,
Carin High
CCCR vice-chair

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Comment(s):

I am highly supportive of the beneficial reuse of dredged material in the Ravenswood Ponds. The source of dredged material is both the 300-500,000 CY of material from Redwood City Harbor maintenance dredging (a federal U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project) and the approximately 2 mcy of dredged material from the RCH deepening feasibility study. The RCH deepening feasibility study is on a shortened 3x3x3 SMART planning process with a Chief of Engineers' report due at the end of 2014 - early 2015. The federal project is only cost feasible if there is a beneficial reuse site in the South Bay in as close proximity as possible to RCH. The other site for beneficial reuse of dredged material is the Eden Landing sandmass, which

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also would be feasible for RCH material.

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Ariel Ambruster

December 1, 2013

RE:Salt Pond Restoration Phase !! (EIS/EIR) draft scoping for Ravenswood and Alviso Salt Pond Complex

Dear Ariel Ambruster,

Afraid passed on your Salt Pond Restoration workshop in favor of last America's Cup races in San Francisco so am rather unclear on latest restoration alternatives. Would like to comment, however, that find maps too vague to provide sufficient scientific data to qualify as a state or federal regulatory environmental document.

The unique value of our estuary is the infinite variety of its marsh and wetlands habitats. Dead end sloughs and riverine sloughs provide different refugia dynamics, so, as wildlife habitat is reason for restoration effort, mapping needs be in relative refined detail to show how individual rivers outfall into South San Francisco Bay.

Also, personally find it a critical element to include details of uplands interface and inter-tidal ecotones in both maps and text for environmental documentation of Salt Pond Restoration DEIS/DEIR in the South Bay.

With this data established, and only then, would it seem feasible to locate a permanent Bay Trail trajectory. A route around end of Bay to Dixon Landing Road was first envisioned by the Santa Clara County Master Plan Trails Element in 1978, and approved by all South Bay cities, so continue to feel this a valid base line.

At that time feeder trails along salt pond levees were considered only as seasonally appropriate for health and well-being of resident and migratory waterfowl. There was also a realistic awareness that in wet weather such levee paths would be either unusable, or else illadvised use would render them unusable come Spring. Nesting season was a protected time for all baylands species. Still agree with this conservative criteria.

Commuter cycling needs alter regulatory assessment of Bay Trail and use of feeder arteries on river levees. It also reinforces rationale to include detailed map of interface with uplands ecotone in salt pond alternatives.

In particular, please note a dramatic increase in usage of Stevens Creek levees for commuter cycling and for recreation throughout day by Google and adjacent business employees. "Seasonal use" is challenged here.

Ideally, it would be advisable to establish no-recreation use zones for at least half of the South Bay ponds. Believe it is critical to give resident wildlife sufficient peace and quiet in which to breed and

flourish, and to enable migratory waterfowl to forage for adequate fuel for the arduous migration to northern breeding grounds.

Recent data on level of near-collapse of estuary fisheries raises concerns for well-being of Pacific Flyway in all areas. As it stated in initial EIR for San Jose/Santa Clara Water pollution Control Plant, South Bay is the incubator for fisheries of entire estuary, as San Francisco Estuary is incubator for fisheries of Pacific Ocean.

Please remember this as you deliberate on alternative aspects and needs of public access.

If water trail is possible consideration, suggest inland waterway, inboard of uplands ecotone preserve, that would mitigate flood hazards due to riverine reflux in high storm event. Here again, decent maps are crucial.

One last baylands catalyst is impending upgrades of South Bay water quality control plants. If revamp of Redwood Shores plant is any example, a ring levee or sea wall is needed to protect plant functions in times of heavy weather. Do not find sufficient analysis of probable impact to wetlands and uplands marsh has been undertaken for facilities in South Bay but will check further on this.

Thank you for reviewing my concerns. Can provide details on Santa Clara County Master Plan trails element of 1978 if it might be of help. Would State Department of Water Resources have updated South Bay maps? Most recent USGS aerial map of extreme South Bay I can find is 1961 and California AAA map's inaccurate.

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Ariel Ambruster,

December 2, 2013

As a postscript to my earlier comment on Alviso & Ravenswood Salt Pond Restoration Phase 11 EIR/EIS might mention an obvious drawback to public access element in this plan is the limited parking in baylands.

In Santa Clara County the only real regional facility with parking is the Alviso County Marina. The Wildlife Refuge Alviso Environmental Center has limited parking, as does City of Palo Alto's environmental center, boat launch and duck pond areas, Mountain View's Shoreline Park and San Antonio Road/Charleston Slough trail access, and City of Sunnyvale's treatment plant parking. All of these primarily suit neighborhood use.

The baseball complex that City of Sunnyvale operates on county land adjacent to Sunnyvale East Channel has more extensive parking but do not believe bay trail here connects to Alviso around end of Pond 8 as yet?

Another Bay Trail link that needs to be implemented is between Alviso's Grand Avenue, over Artesian Slough and running outboard of treatment plant sewage pond levees, across Coyote Creek overflow channel to Dixon Landing Road. The latter public access element was in BCDC permit for COE Coyote Creek Flood Project, contingent on removal of bomb disposal site, but was never undertaken by SCVWD or City of San Jose.

Most of my experience on Bay Trail alignment is rather retro, so for proper reference to recreation interface with Wildlife Refuge salt pond levees Eric Mruz is obviously your best, prime source of accurate data.

As mentioned in earlier comment, the Stevens Creek Trail connection to baylands is in high use by business and high tech offices in Mountain View's shoreline area. It also needs to be referenced that it is access point from Crittenden Lane for duck hunters trailing boats at time of hunting season on South Bay Refuge ponds. Again, Eric Mruz is source for this regulated use.

Earlier this year there was practice gunfire coming from Moffett Field in Crittenden Marsh area here, that was of concern to cyclists and pedestrians using Stevens Creek and Bay Trail. Notified NASA environmental staff but did not hear back as to cause or rationale for this activity. This was not in routine hunting season and my attention was first drawn to problem by anxious behavior of ducks seeking refuge along Stevens Creek.

Let me know if you would like any more precise data on these baylands access points. Do want to reiterate that initial bay trail was proposed at inboard edge of marshes to minimize impacts on wildlife. Recreation access in marshes does impact foraging habitat and nesting season demands closed down marsh trails.

Libby Lucas

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Comment(s):

As:

More circulation is better from mosquito control standpoint

General comment: Vector control access needed for new mosquito habitat created, even if sensitive habitat.

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To: [Halsing, David](#); jbourgeois@scc.ca.gov
Subject: FW: Comments on the Scope of environmental analysis of Ravenswood Ponds, Phase 2
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 9:10:05 AM
Attachments: [SBSP Phase 2 Alternative Ravenswood D.pdf](#)

From: Len Materman [mailto:len@sfcjpa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 6:40 PM
To: Ambruster, Ariel
Subject: Comments on the Scope of environmental analysis of Ravenswood Ponds, Phase 2

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR for Phase 2 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Ravenswood Ponds restoration and public access project.

The San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) is a regional government agency founded by cities and counties surrounding, adjacent to, and impacted by the Phase 2 project. The SFCJPA is beginning a project known as the Strategy to Advance Flood protection, Ecosystems and Recreation along the Bay (SAFER Bay) with the support of these cities and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

As part of the SAFER Bay project, we are designing a flood control levee between Highway 84 and Pond R3 that would provide a level of protection well beyond that of the existing outboard levees, and include an upland transition zone as described in the SBSP Ravenswood Alternative D (see attached Figure 2.14 of the URS Phase 2 Alternative Maps with red arrows pointing to this zone).

We request that your EIS/EIR analyze alternatives that include the implementation of an upland transition zone and flood control facility in this area. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Len Materman

Executive Director

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

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From: [Ambruster, Ariel](#)
To: [Halsing, David](#); jbourgeois@scc.ca.gov
Subject: FW: Alviso restoration project
Date: Monday, October 21, 2013 9:32:45 AM

From: Richard Santos [mailto:rsantos@valleywater.org]
Sent: Saturday, October 19, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Ambruster, Ariel
Subject: Alviso restoration project

I would like to see if the Alviso Slough 7 acre channel could be included in the 16,000 acres restoration process. In addition include New Chicago Marsh west of the Rail Road that borders Pond 12. Any questions contact Richard P. Santos (408) 234-7707

From: [Strong, Cheryl](#)
To: [John Bourgeois](#); [Halsing, David](#); [Eric Mruz](#)
Subject: Re: Alviso & Ravenswood Comment Period Extended to Dec 2
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 4:37:08 PM

JB, Dave and Eric-

So I had a few thoughts after the Phase 2 scoping meeting that I just found on my desk and wanted to impart as "comments" before I forgot about them again.

1. addition of a fence along Hwy 84 and R3. Like the fence along SF2. please get this on the books now as an option so I don't have to argue with Eric later on. it's function would be to keep trash, dogs, etc out and keep chicks in.
2. there is a deep spot in A8, near where (I think) A4 is somehow connected underneath Guad Slough. this is ALWAYS full of a large variety of birds, for reasons unknown to me. it would be worth looking at to see if the proposed fill will impede the use of that area at all.
3. I wrote down something about freshwater input into R3 or R4 from stormwater outflow, but I don't remember why. did we talk about this as an option? I don't even know if I thought it would be a good or a bad thing at the time...

Thanks,
Cheryl

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 11:45 AM, SBSP announcements <sbsp-announce@southbayrestoration.org> wrote:

Members of the public who would like to provide input on environmental analysis for upcoming Alviso and Ravenswood construction have until close of business on **December 2, 2013** to submit their comments - the deadline has been extended due to staffing and resource constraints caused by the federal government shutdown.

The scoping periods provides interested parties and the public an opportunity to recommend issues to be analyzed in the upcoming draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for Phase 2 restoration and public access construction at Alviso and Ravenswood ponds. Comments could include suggestions and information on the issues and concerns that should be addressed in the draft EIS/EIR, including the range of alternatives, appropriate mitigation measures, and the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts of alternatives.

Comments can be emailed to Ariel Ambruster at aambrust@ccp.csus.edu.

For more information about Alviso and Ravenswood Phase 2, including maps of alternatives under consideration, and environmental impact notices, see <http://www.southbayrestoration.org/planning/phase2/>.

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Public Access and Recreation;

Question or comment:

There are a number of errors on Map 4. I'll send a marked up map to Areil in a separate email.

One of the above errors is that you drew a line as if there is a bridge over Stevens Creek at the northern end of Stevens Creek Trail and the east end of the Shoreline Bay Trail. There isn't a bridge there. Could the addition of a real bridge at this point be considered in the analysis for Phase II?

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From: Greg Unangst [mailto:gunangst@pacbell.net]
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Subject: Map 4 Errors

Ariel,

I submitted a comment on the comment form. As mentioned there, I pointed out there are errors on Figure (Map) 4 in Phase 2 Alviso and Ravenswood Maps. The attached package has annotations on Figure 4. There are a number of other small errors but they are minor.

See you tomorrow.
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From: [Ambruster, Ariel](#)
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The drawing that shows Ponds A1 and A2W erroneously shows a bridge that crosses Stevens Creek and links the Moffett Bay Trail and the Shoreline Bay Trail. I suggest we correct this error by placing a real bridge at this point.

Having a bridge at this location will connect Stevens Creek Trail, the Shoreline Bay Trail, and the Moffett Bay Trail in a classic "T" junction. The Moffett Bay Trail was opened in 2010, and now provides bike/pedestrian access around Moffett Field and provides connections to the trail networks in the South Bay, East Bay, and Silicon Valley. Many pedestrians and bicyclists are still not aware that this trail now exists because the access points are not readily visible. Providing a "T" junction that is the tie point joining the Shoreline Bay Trail, the Stevens Creek Trail, and the Moffett Bay Trail would greatly improve the visibility and accessibility of all three trails. If Alternative Mountain View C is implemented it will also improve access to that new trail.

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Ravenswood Alternative C shows a proposed breach on a small slough across from Greco Island. This is on a popular kayak route that circumnavigates Greco Island. The slough is navigable only at high tide and is relatively narrow. Having a breach at this point could be dangerous to passing kayakers since there is little room to maneuver away from the breach.

AGENDA

**Public Scoping Meeting
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project – Phase 2
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service / California Coastal Conservancy
San Jose Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant
700 Los Esteros Road, San Jose
September 24, 2013 - 4:00 – 5:30 PM**

- I. Introduction** (Dave Halsing, URS – 5 minutes)
 - a. Overview of NEPA/CEQA
 - b. Overview of Scoping Process

- II. Project Overview** (John Bourgeois, SBSP Restoration Project – 10 minutes)
 - a. SBSP Restoration Project
 - Summary description of SBSP Restoration Project and Phase 1
 - b. Phase 2
 - Project areas and pond clusters
 - Alternative concepts

- III. EIS/EIR** (Dave Halsing, URS) – 15 minutes
 - a. Programmatic EIS/R and Tiering for Phase 2
 - b. Description of tables and lay-out for rest of the meeting
 - c. Description of methods for public to provide comments
 - d. Description of process

- IV. Break Out to Stations** (URS and SBSP Restoration PMT) – 60 minutes
 - a. Ravenswood Ponds – Flood Control and Restoration
 - b. Alviso – Mountain View Ponds – Flood Control and Restoration
 - c. Alviso – Island Ponds and A8 Ponds
 - d. Recreation and Public Access



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Summary of Scoping Comments

Commenter/Agency	Comment
Alameda County Water District	<p>Identify and destroy abandoned wells in the Drawbridge area between ponds A20 and A21 prior to levee breach.</p> <p>Obtain a drilling permit prior to subsurface drilling activities for wells, exploratory holes, and other excavations.</p>
Bay Conservation and Development Commission	<p>Maintain consistency with BCDCs laws and policies, which recommend returning the salt ponds to tidal action. The environmental analysis should demonstrate that use of fill will be consistent with these policies under current conditions and with sea level rise.</p> <p>Provide an analysis of the impacts of importing fill on the shoreline, salt ponds, subtidal areas and animal species.</p> <p>Provide an analysis of a) resiliency to sea level rise, b) impact on the Bay's sediment budget, c) localized sediment erosion and accretion, d) role of tidal flows, e) potential invasive species, f) rates of colonization by vegetation, g) expected use of the site by fish, aquatic organisms, and wildlife, h) buffer between shoreline development and habitats to protect wildlife and provide space for marsh migration (SLR), and i) site characterization.</p> <p>Provide a sea level rise assessment for mid- and end-of-century.</p>
Cargill	Modify figures
City of Mountain View	<p>Provide in-depth environmental analysis for alternatives involving Charleston Slough.</p> <p>List total acres for pond clusters.</p> <p>Clarify habitat restoration actions.</p> <p>Clarify details of flood management system.</p> <p>Provide an analysis of sea water intrusion, increased groundwater table at the Shoreline landfill, construction traffic access and water supply at Sailing Lake.</p>
City of Redwood City	Include the storm water bypass structure from the Bayfront Canal to the Ravenswood Pond complex.
James Clegg, Bodega Marine Laboratory, University of California, Davis	Decline of artemia fancisschana cysts related to the project is a concern.
Mitchell McEachern, Grand Valley State University	<p>Describe effect of water levels and flood management on ecosystems and natural beauty.</p> <p>Describe impacts to migratory mammal habitat.</p> <p>Provide enhancement of wildlife opportunities.</p>

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Carin High, Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge	<p>Provide an analysis of how water levels and flood management affect surrounding ecosystems and natural beauty of the area.</p> <p>Provide an analysis of impacts to migratory mammal habitat.</p> <p>Provide enhancement of wildlife opportunities.</p> <p>Evaluate public access, transition zone locations, phasing of work to allow for species relocation, and cumulative impacts of South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project, Phase 2, Shoreline Study and WCPC Master Plan.</p> <p>Evaluate impacts of public access on SNPL breeding at Pond R5 and levee in Pond R4, SNHM and CCR, and sustainability of SNPL habitat in Ponds R3, 4, and 5.</p> <p>Prohibit public access between Ponds R3 and R4.</p> <p>Evaluate pond depths and sedimentation in Pond S5.</p> <p>Provide evidence of success of SNPL islands.</p> <p>Tidal marsh design for A1 and A2W should provide habitat for dabbling ducks.</p>
Ellen Johnck, Ellen Johnck Consulting	Use dredged materials from Redwood City Harbor.
Libby Lucas, California Native Plant Society	<p>The NOP maps are too general.</p> <p>Evaluate commenter's concerns regarding upland interface, Bay Trail, no-recreation zones, fisheries and Pacific Flyway.</p> <p>Evaluate impact of limited parking on public access.</p>
Chindi Peavey, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District	<p>Provide more circulation to minimize mosquito populations.</p> <p>Provide access for vector control in areas where new mosquito habitat is created.</p>
Len Materman, San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority	Include analysis of an alternative that includes implementation of an upland transition zone and flood control facility in the area between SR 84 and R3.
Richard Santos, Santa Clara Valley Water Control District	Include Alviso Slough 7-acre channel and New Chicago Marsh in the project.
Cheryl Strong, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	<p>Provide a fence along Highway 84 and R3.</p> <p>Evaluate whether proposed fill in A8 would impact deep water area that attracts birds.</p>

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Greg Unangst, Mountain View Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Friends of Stevens Creek Trail	Remove bridge on NOP Map 4 over Stevens Creek, remove Shoreline Trail.