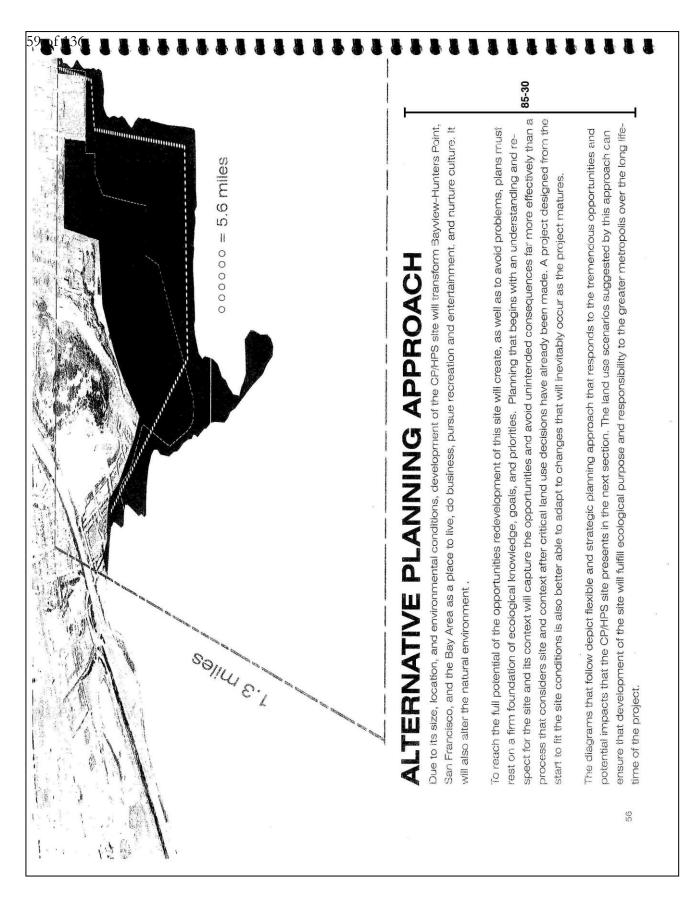
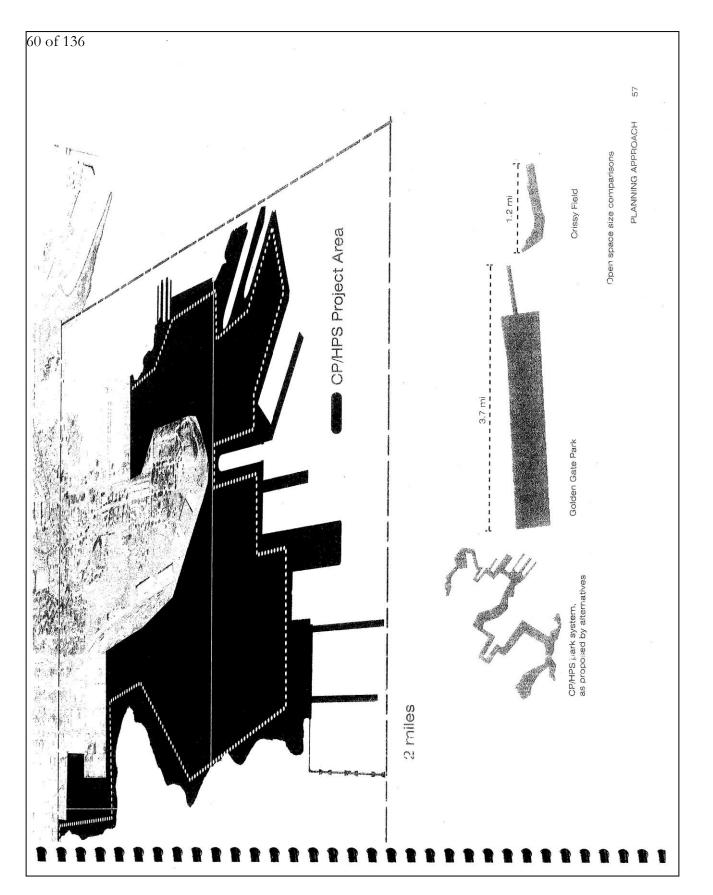
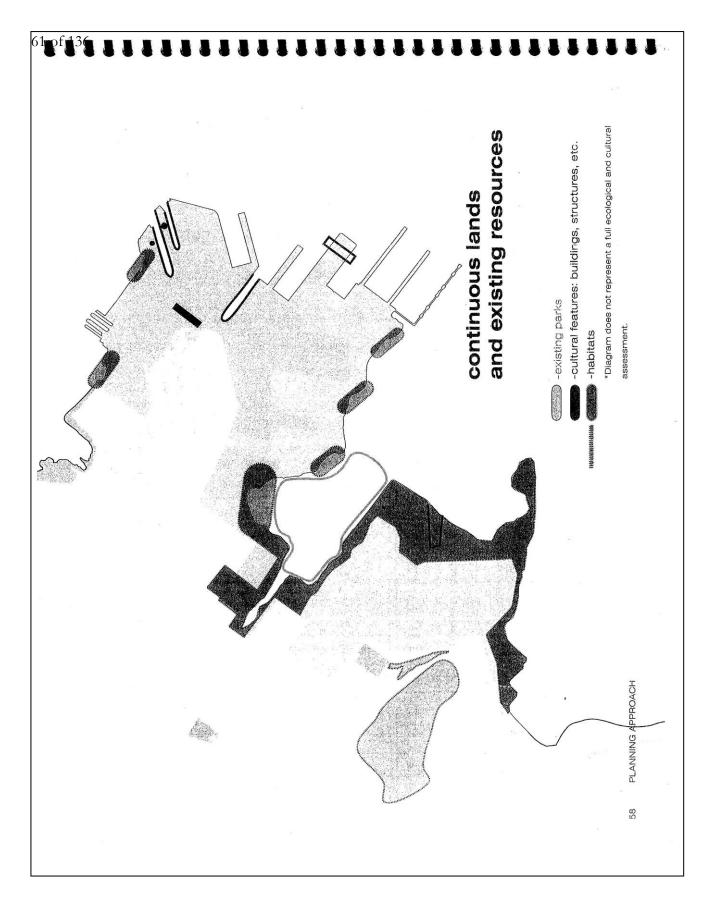
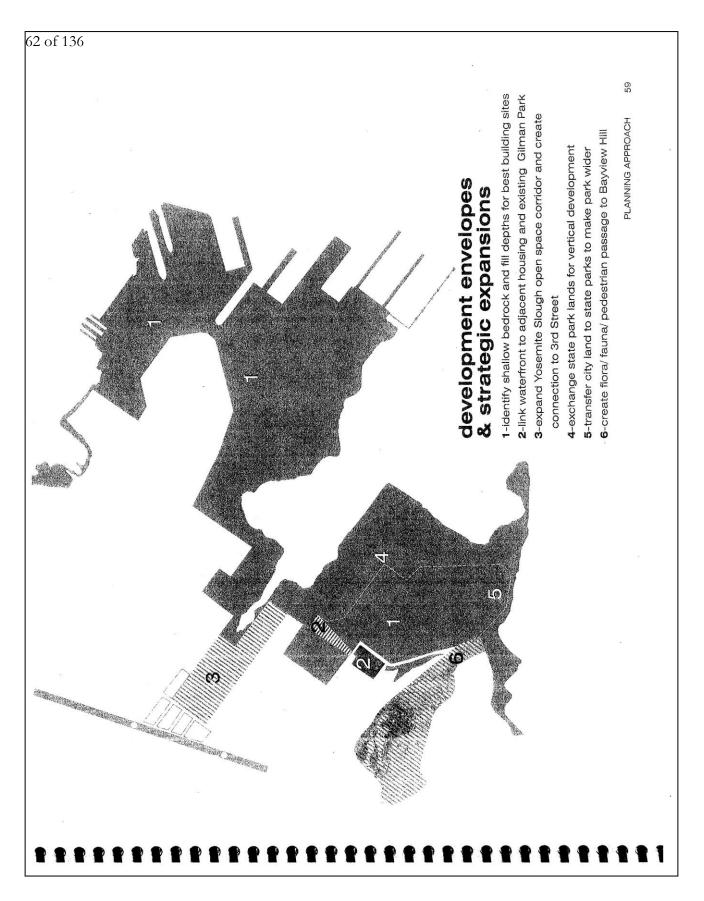


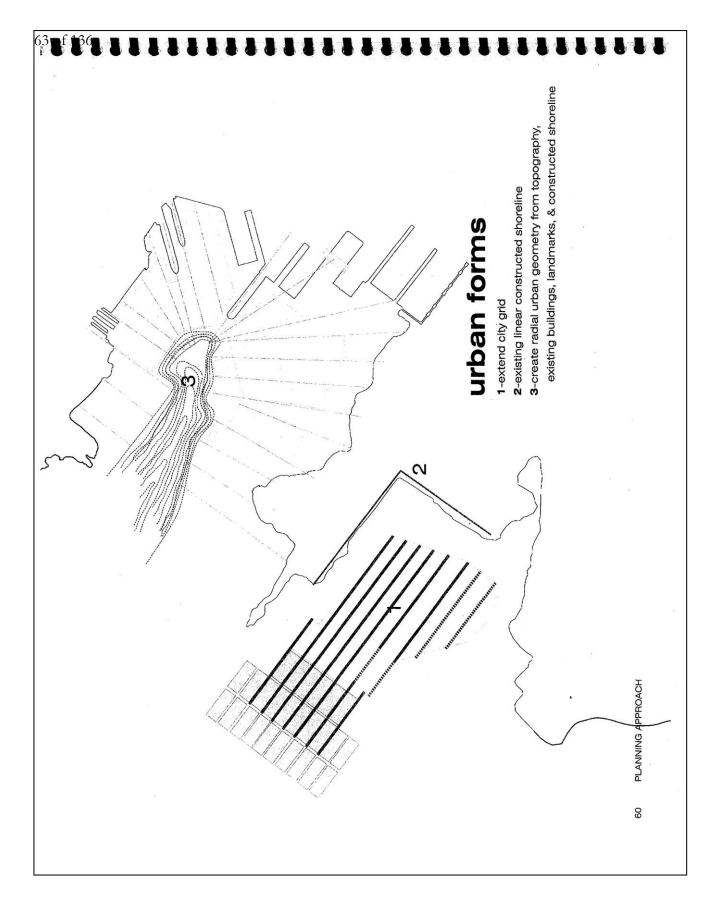
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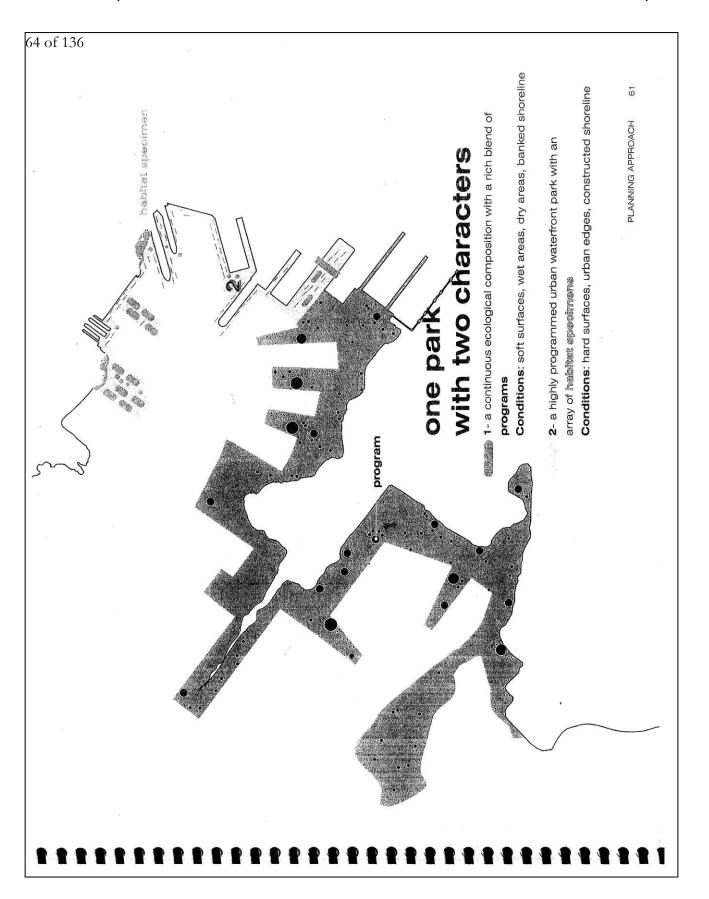


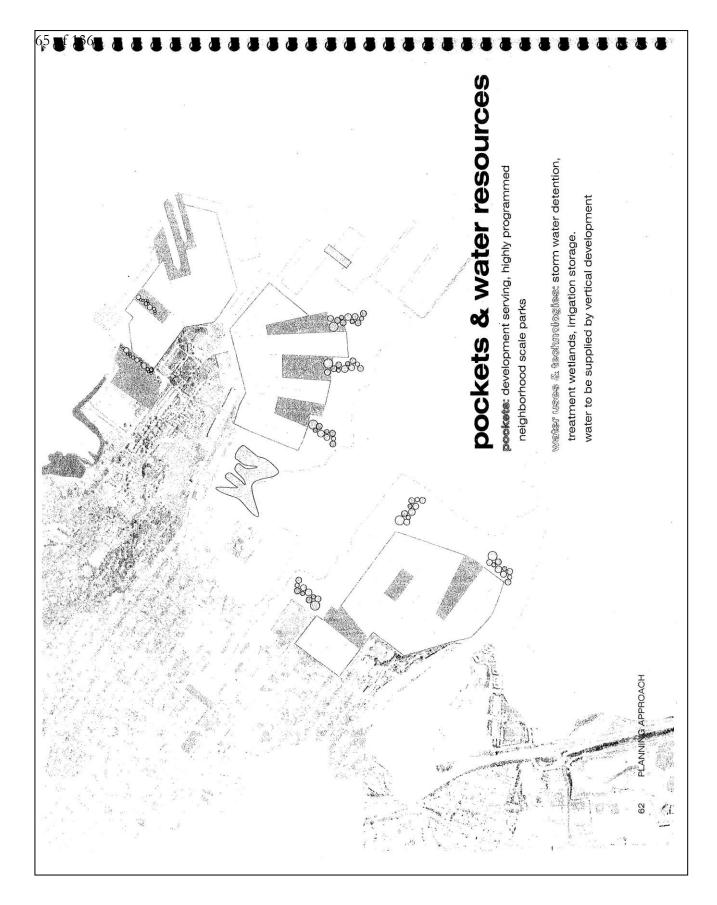


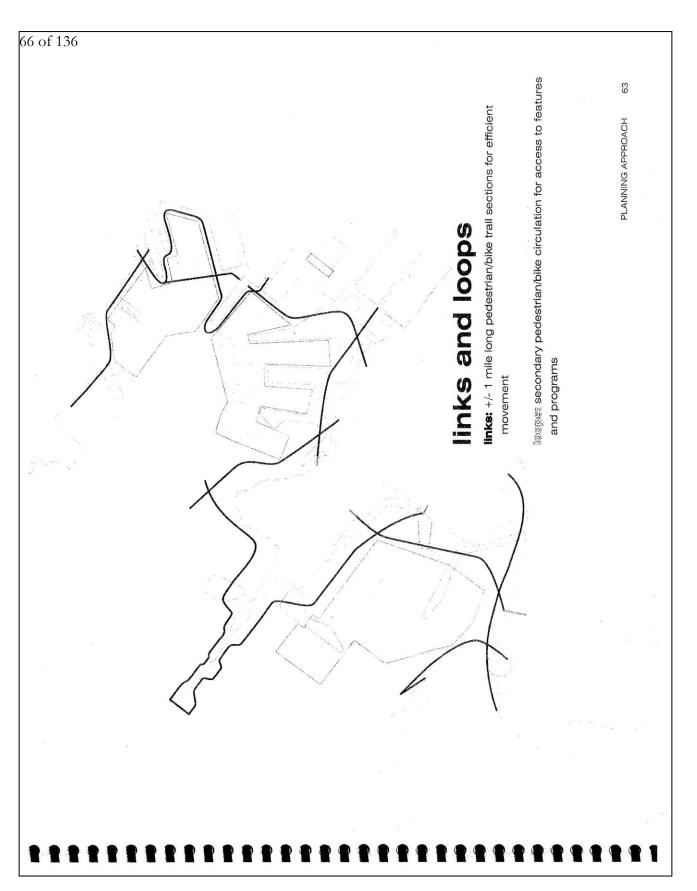






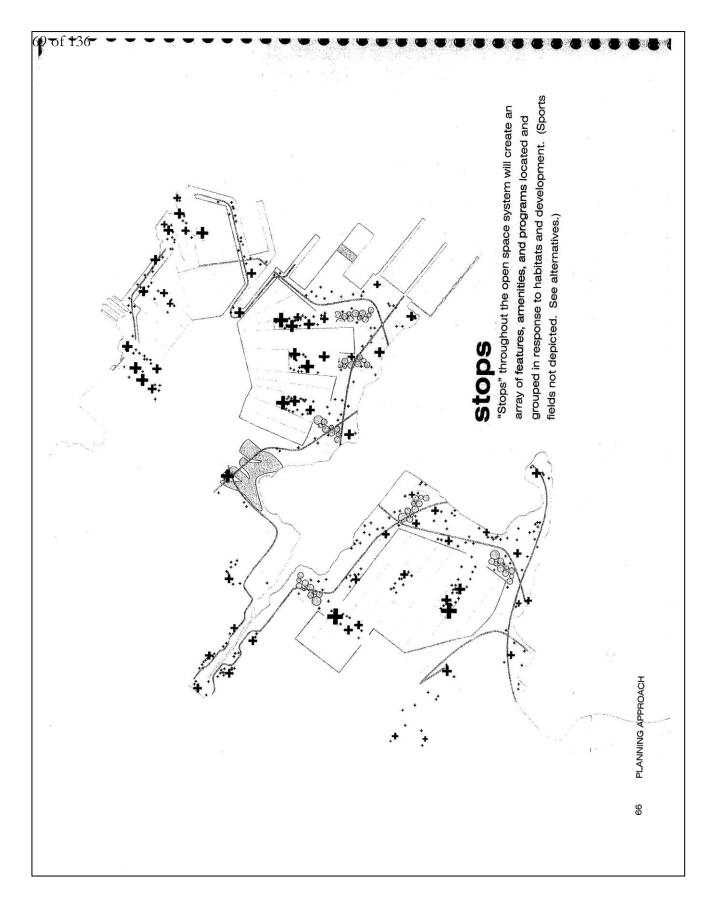


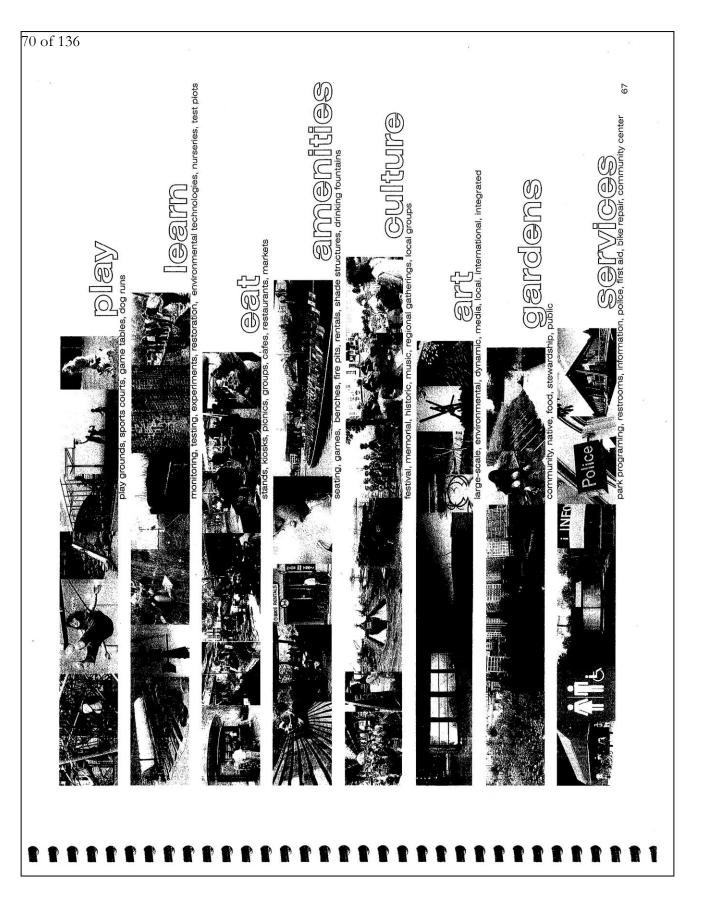


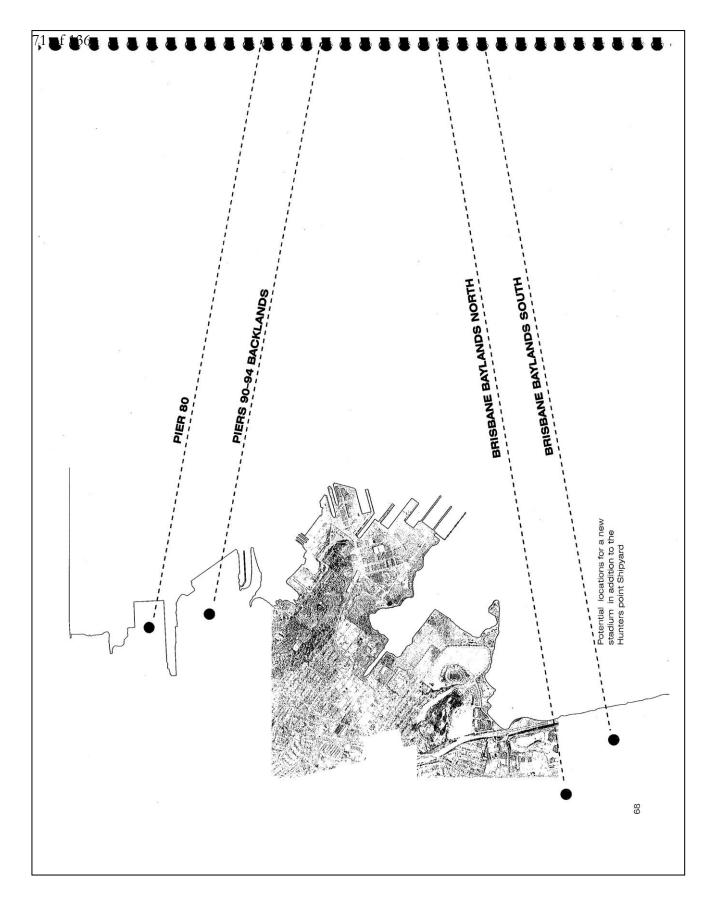




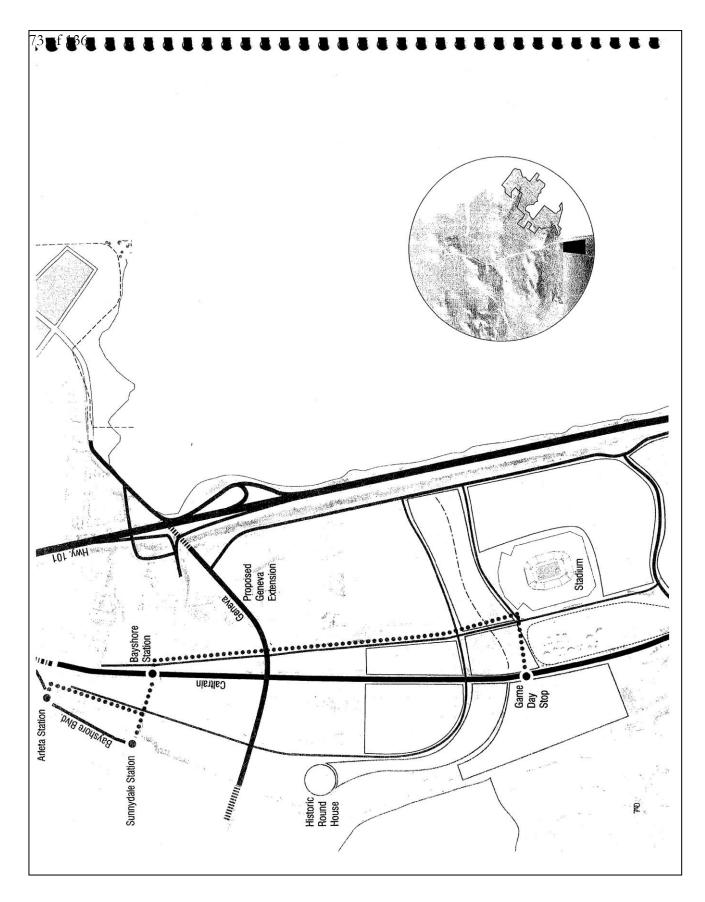




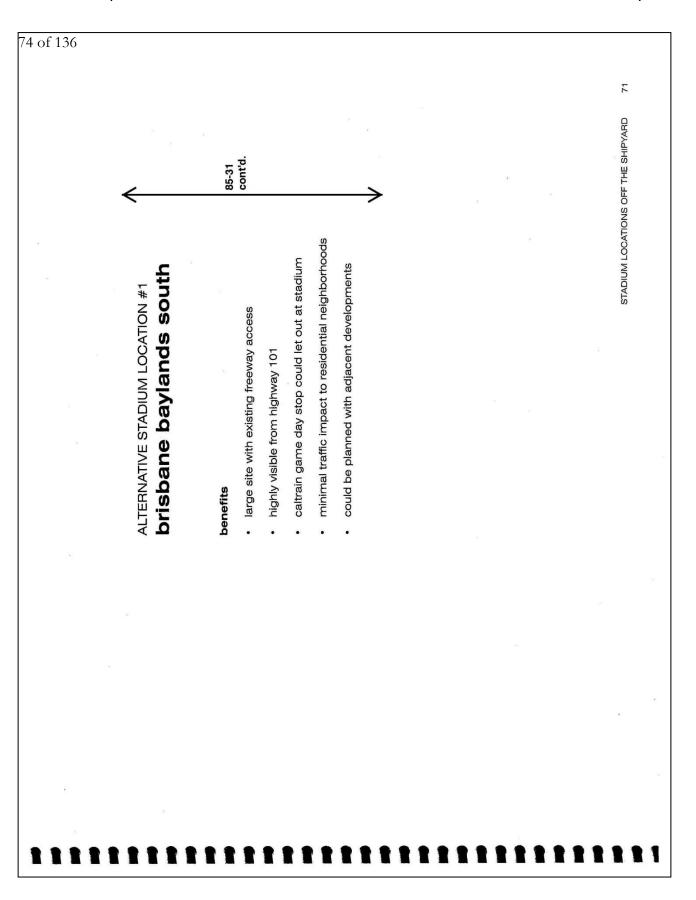


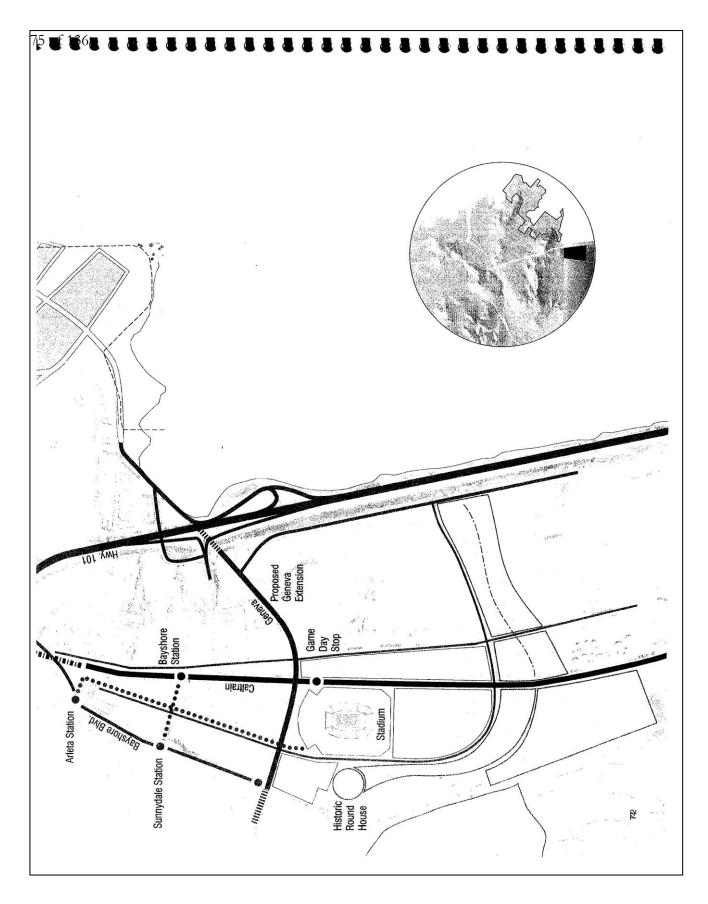


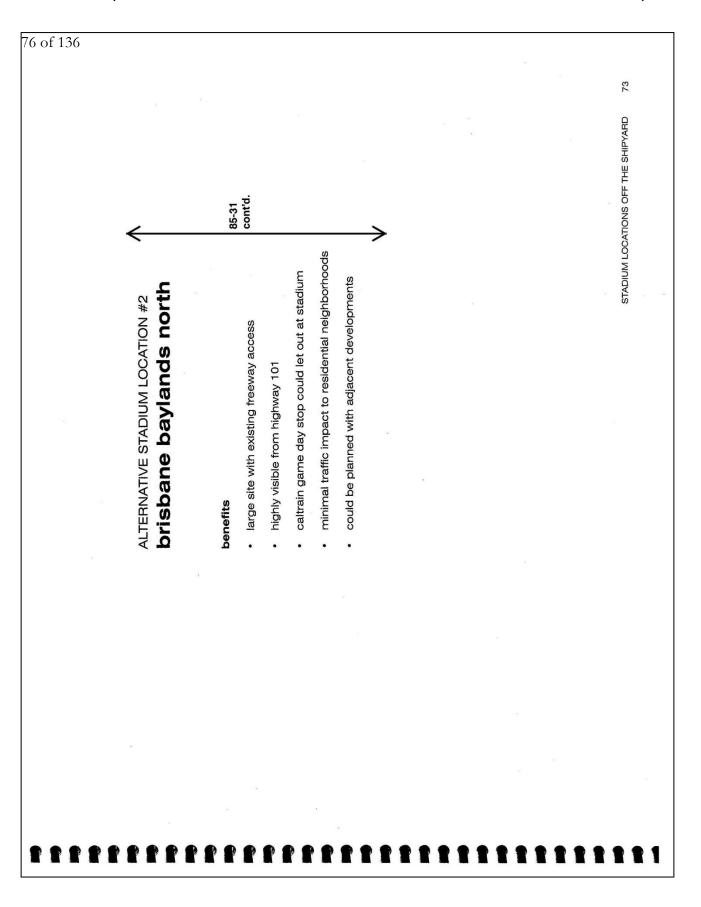
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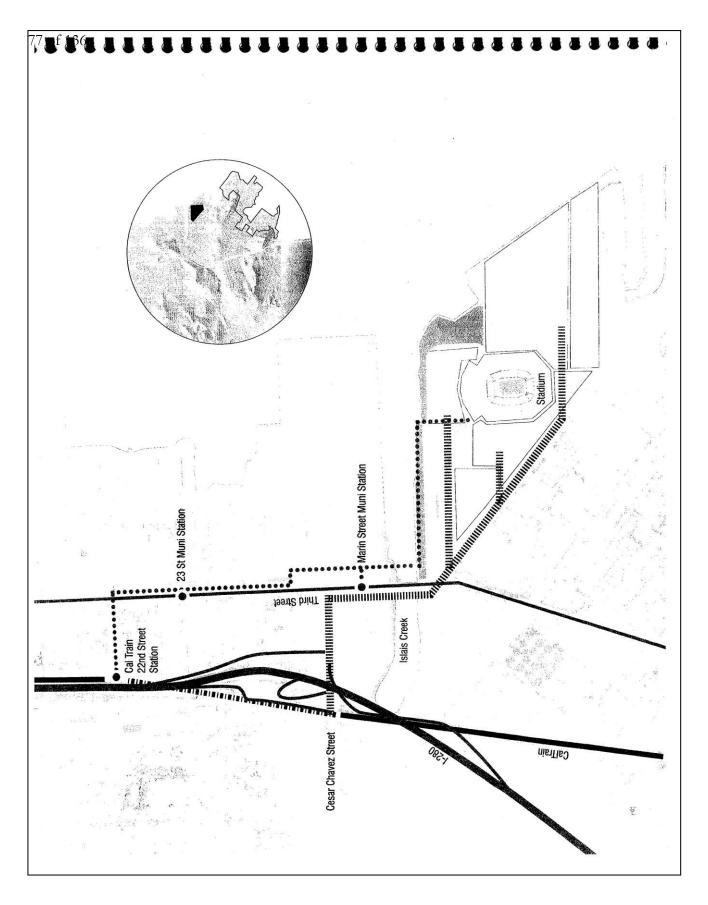


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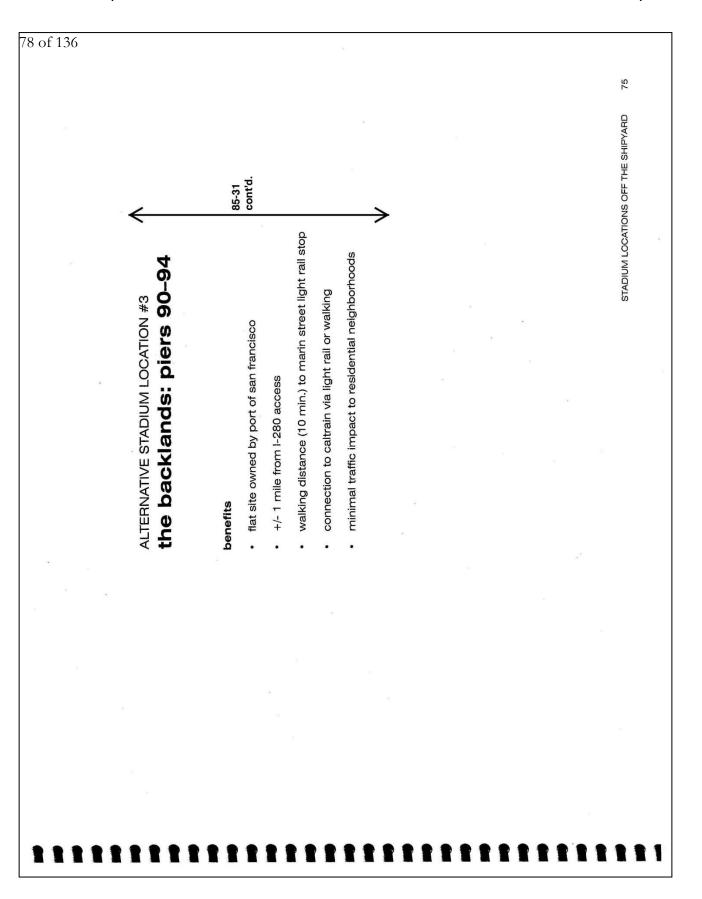


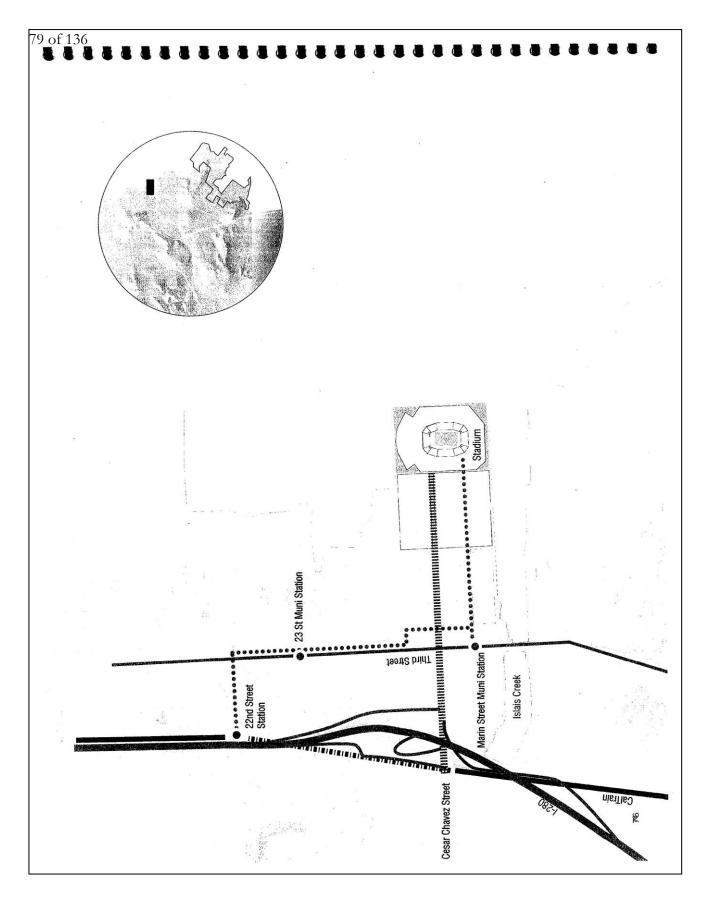


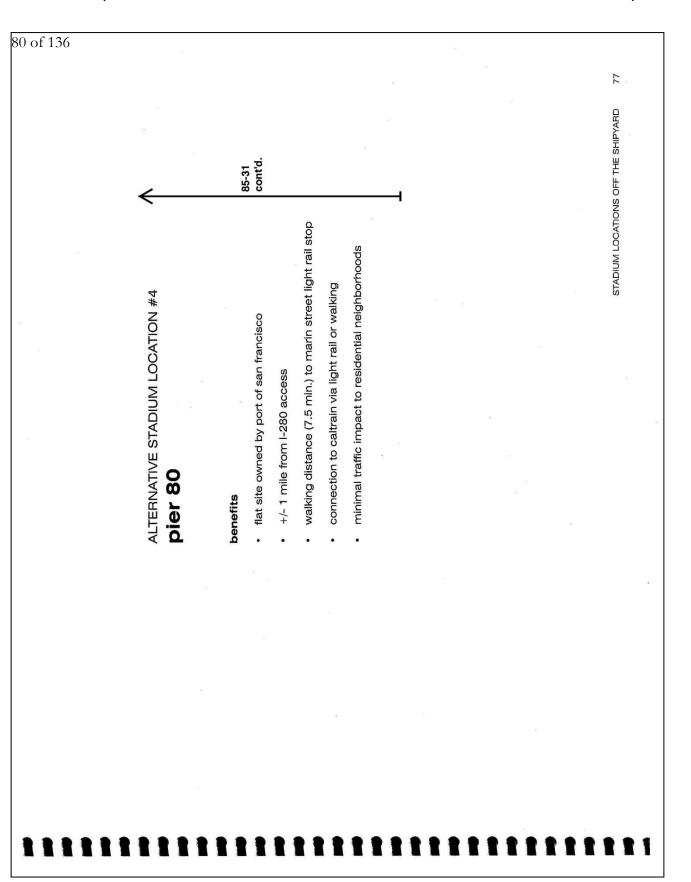


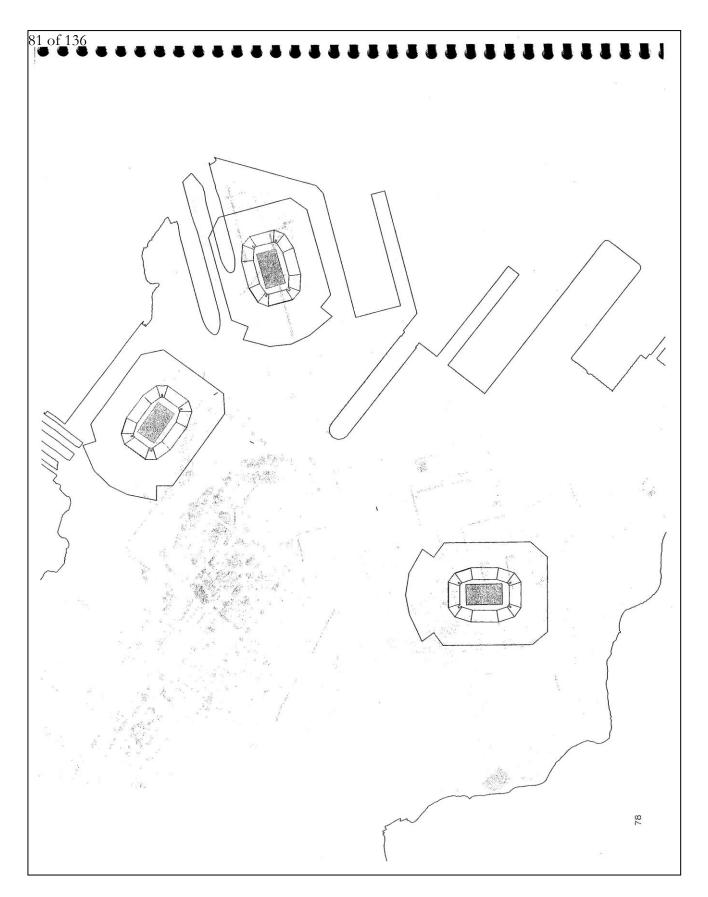


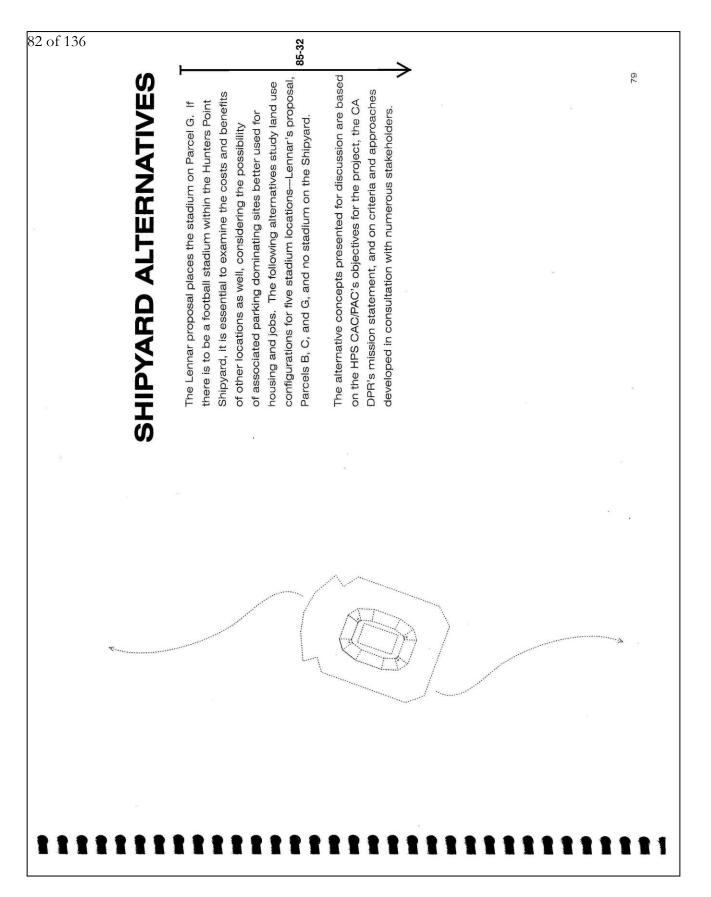
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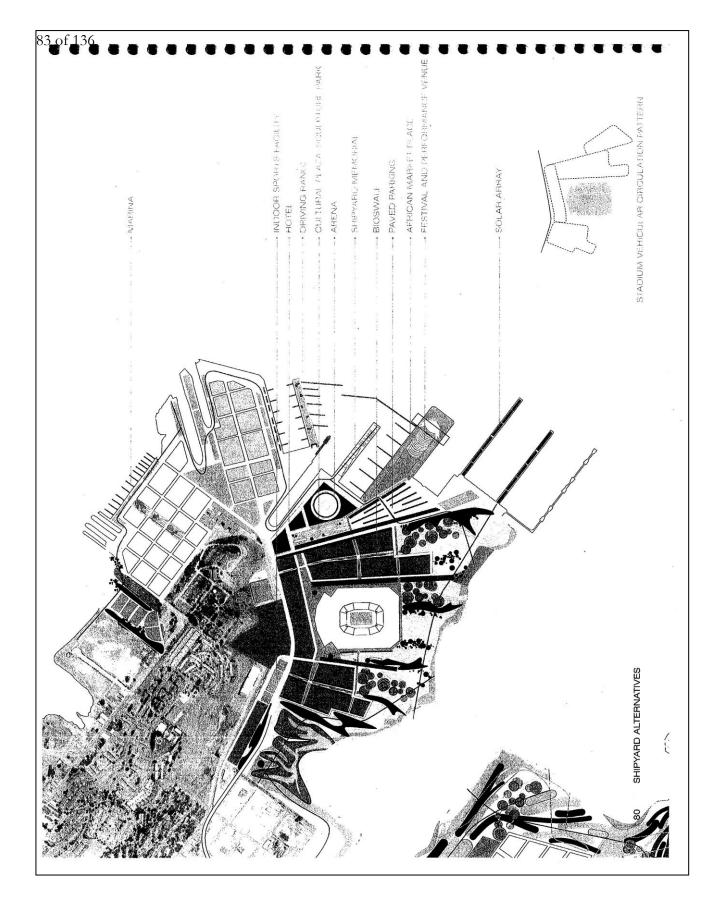


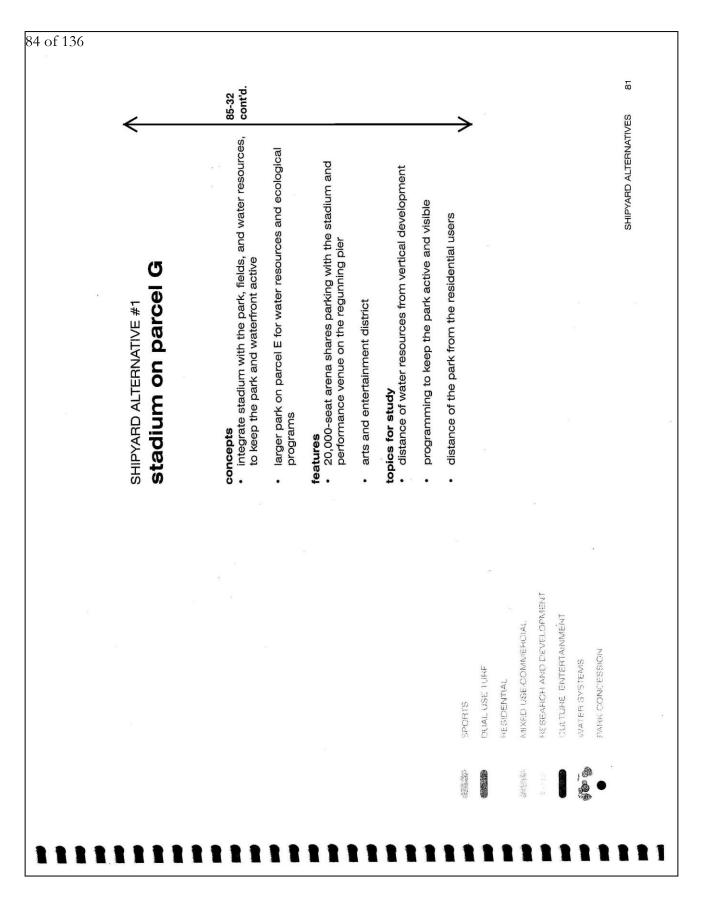


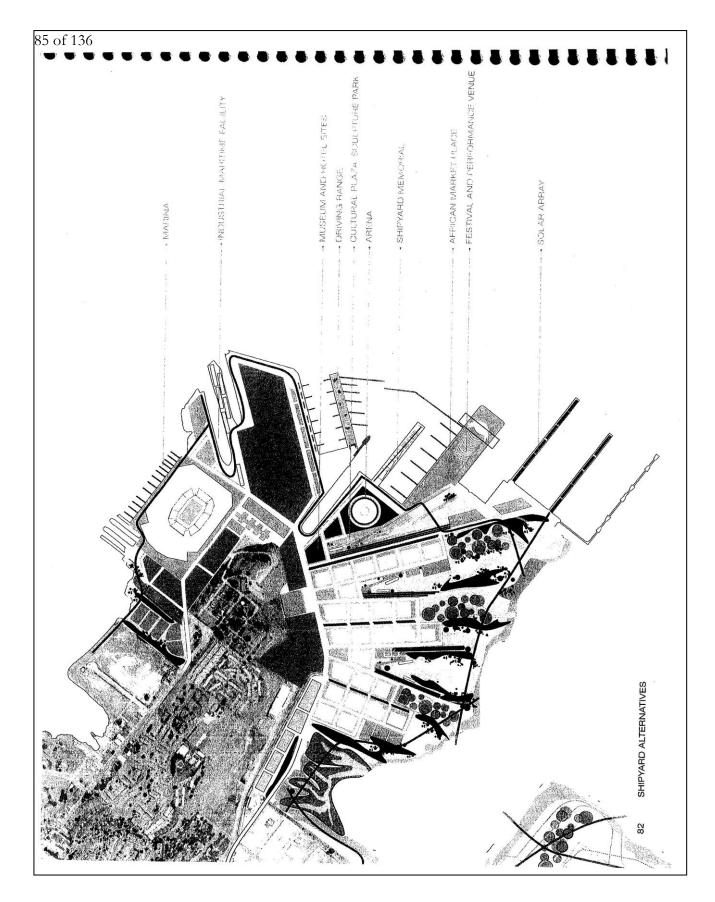


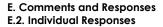


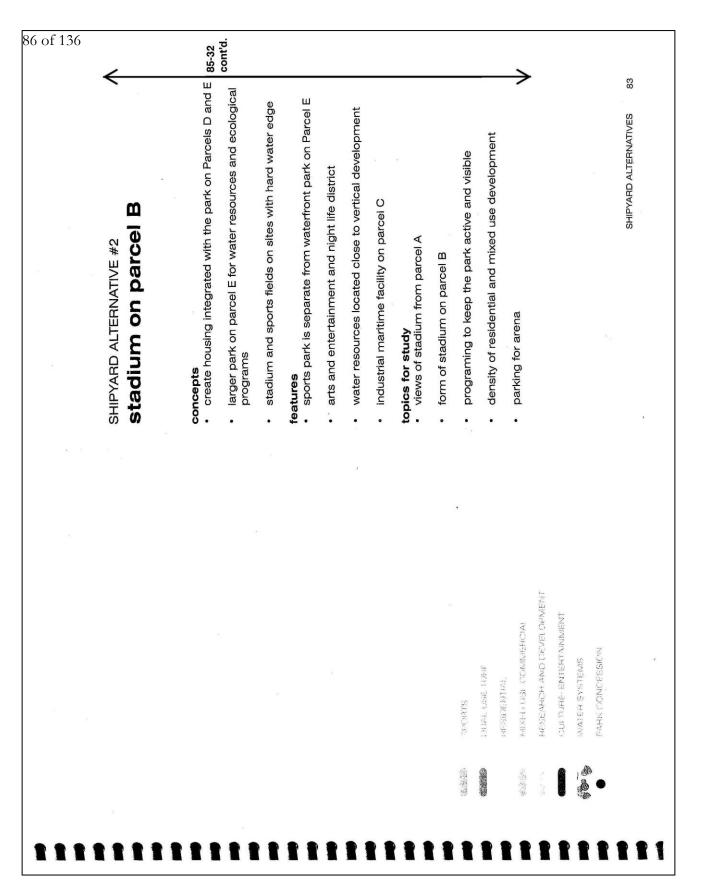


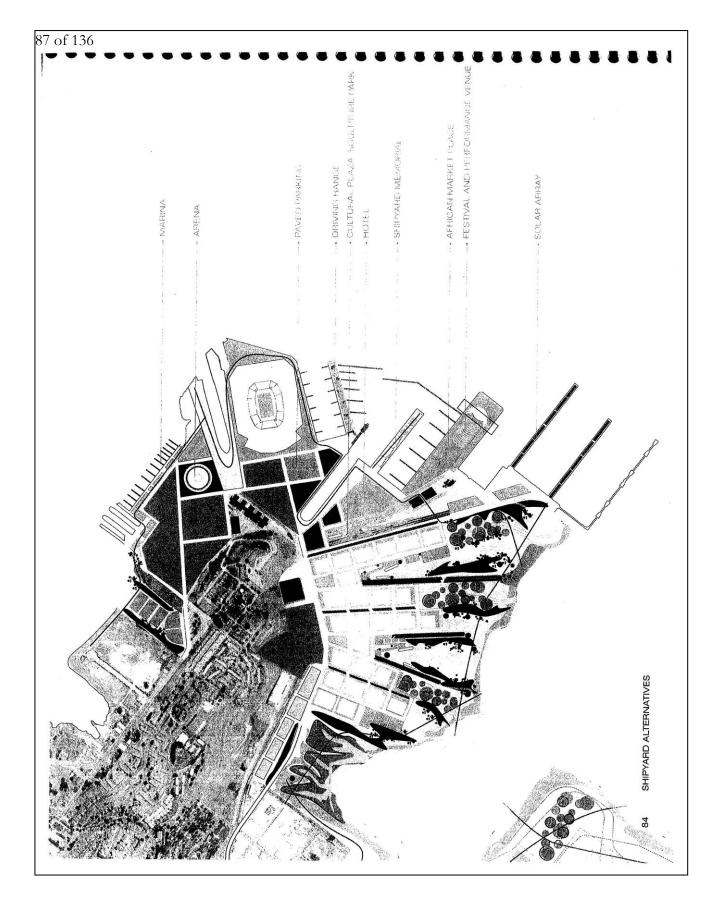


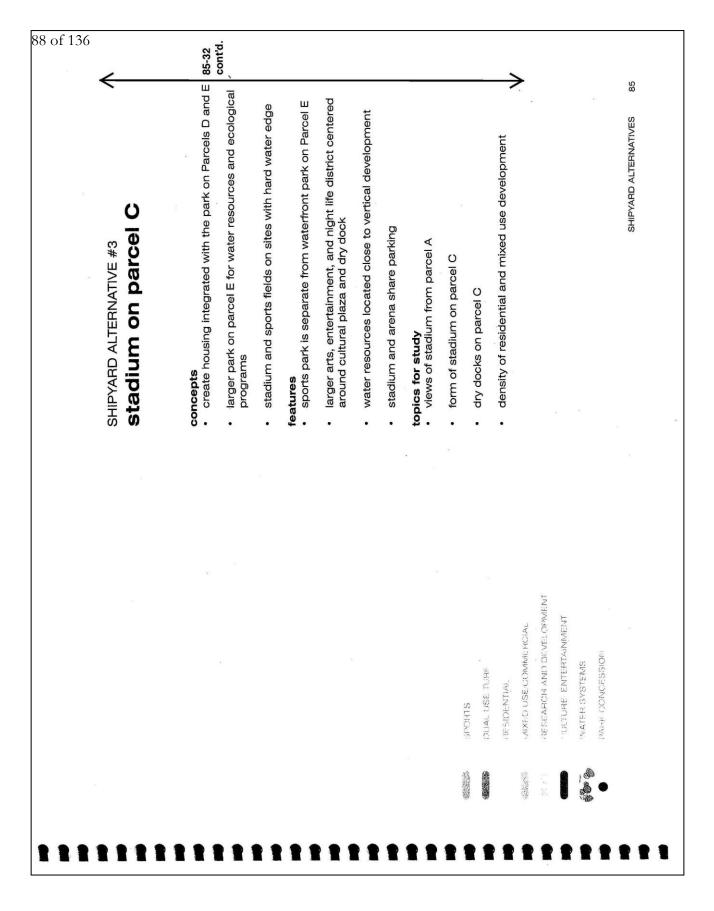


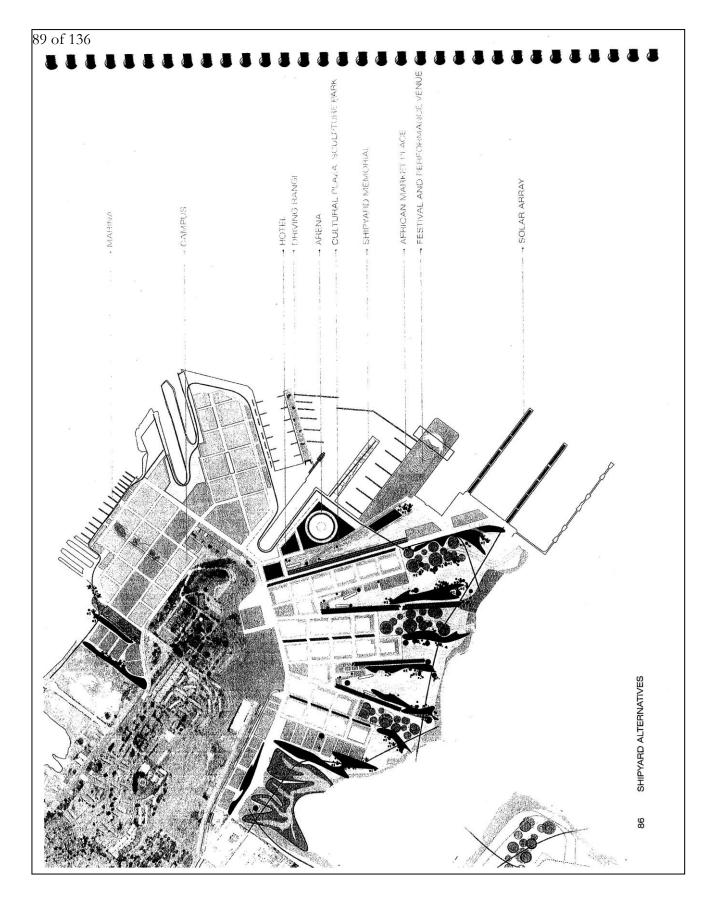






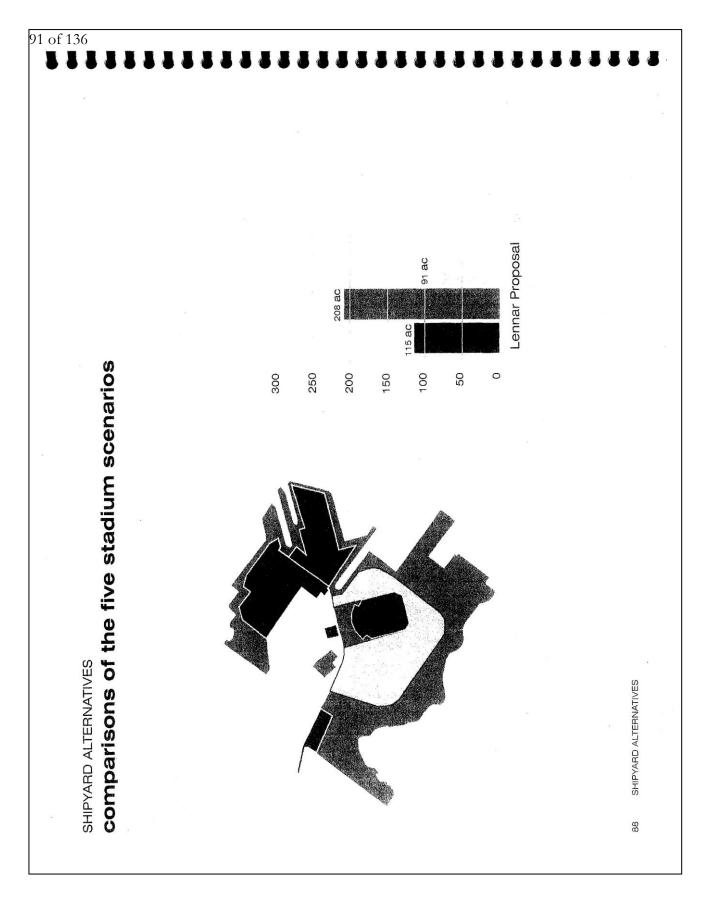


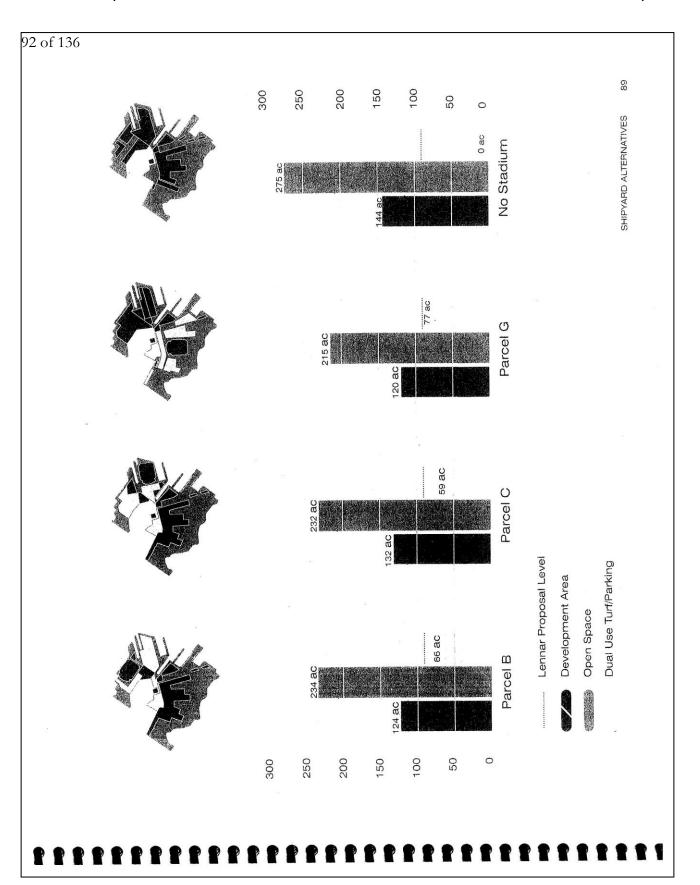




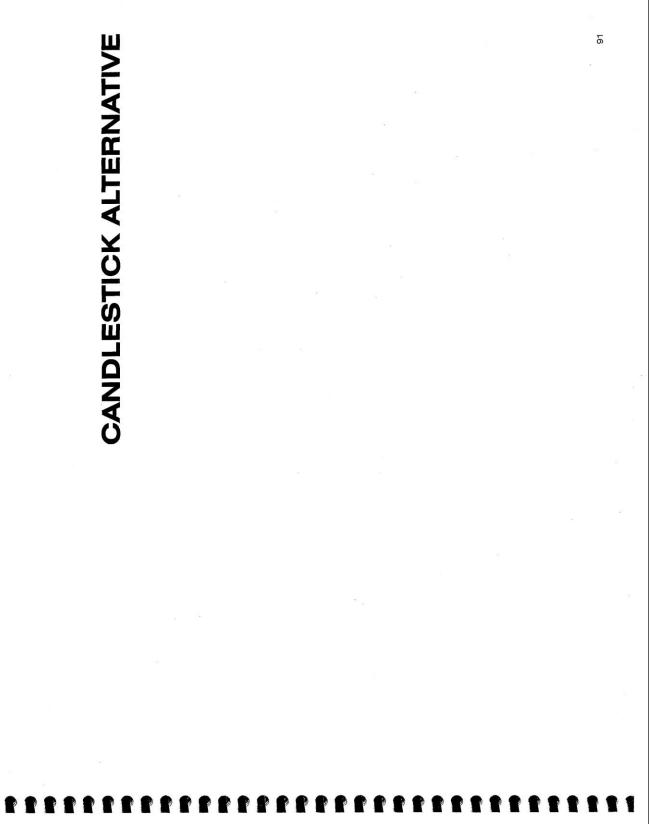
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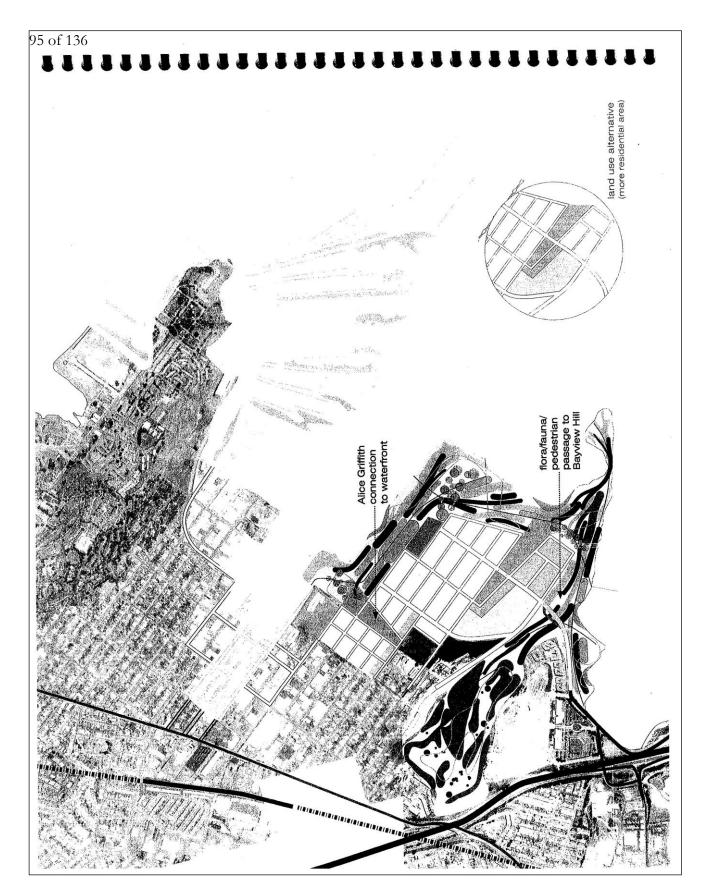
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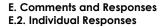




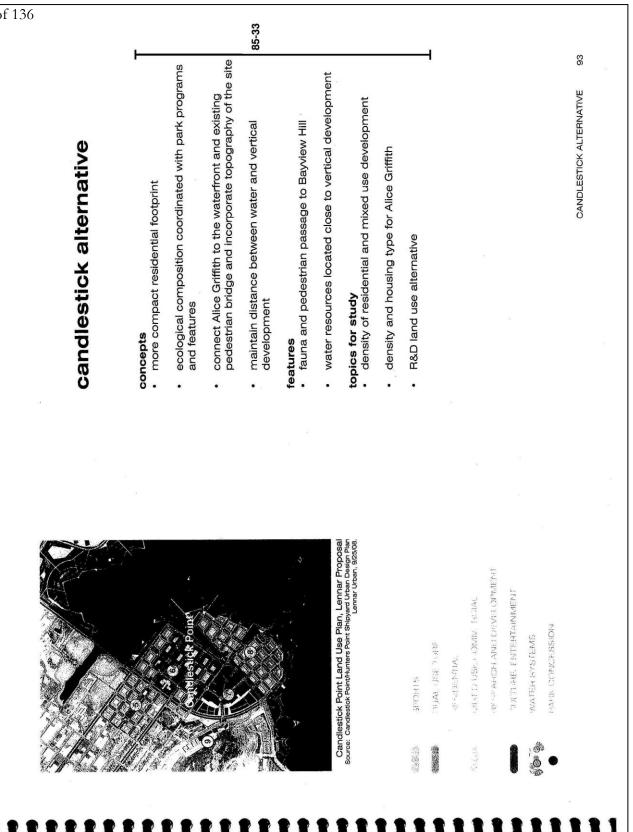


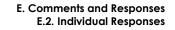


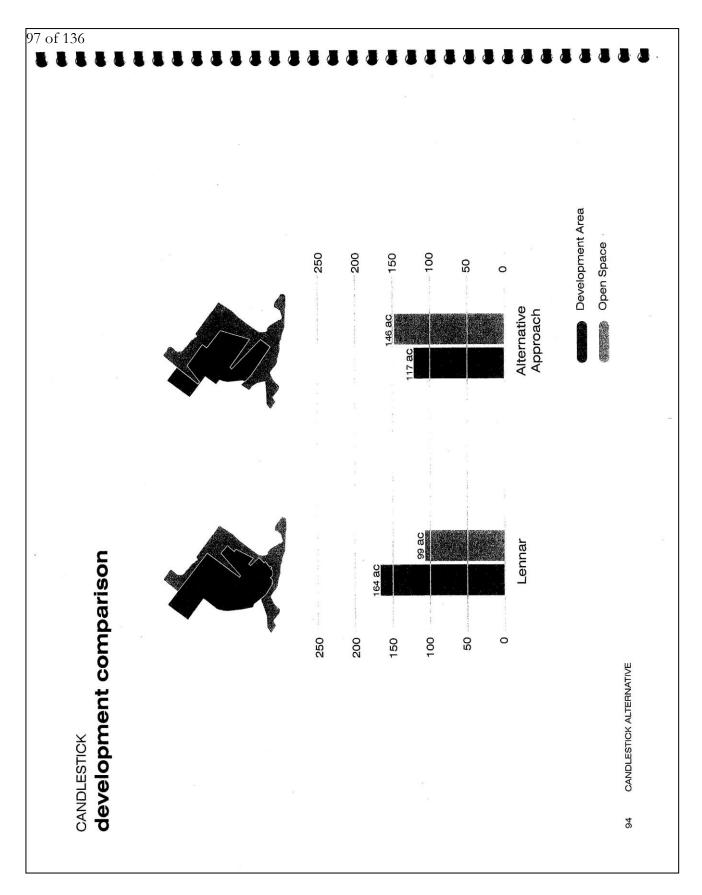




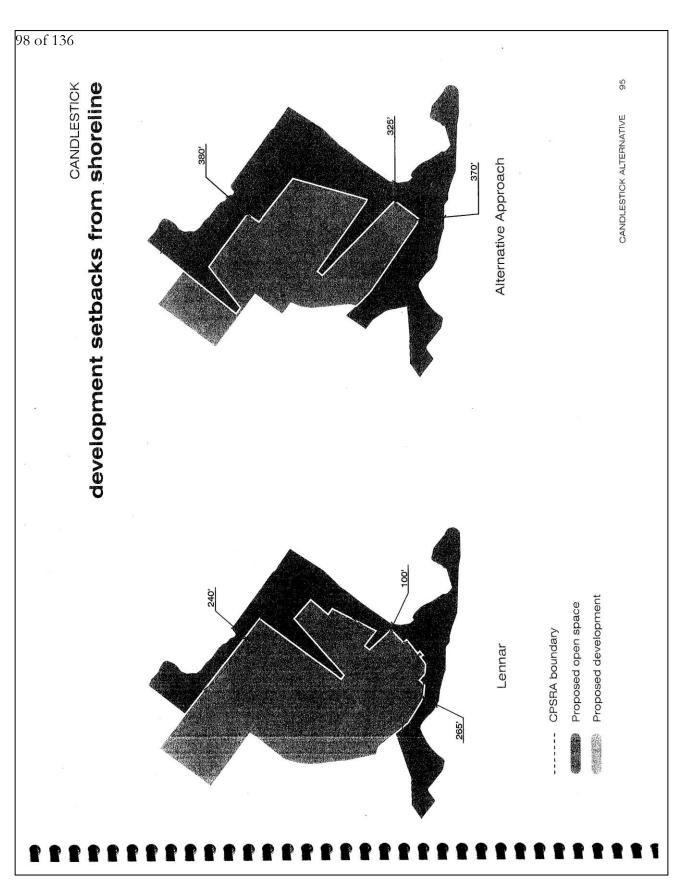


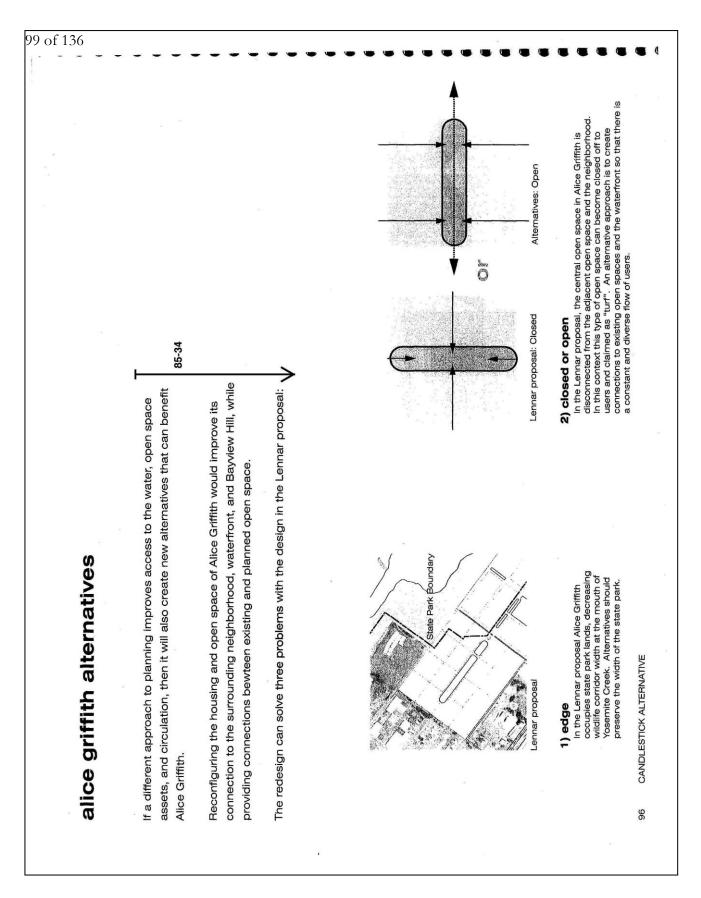


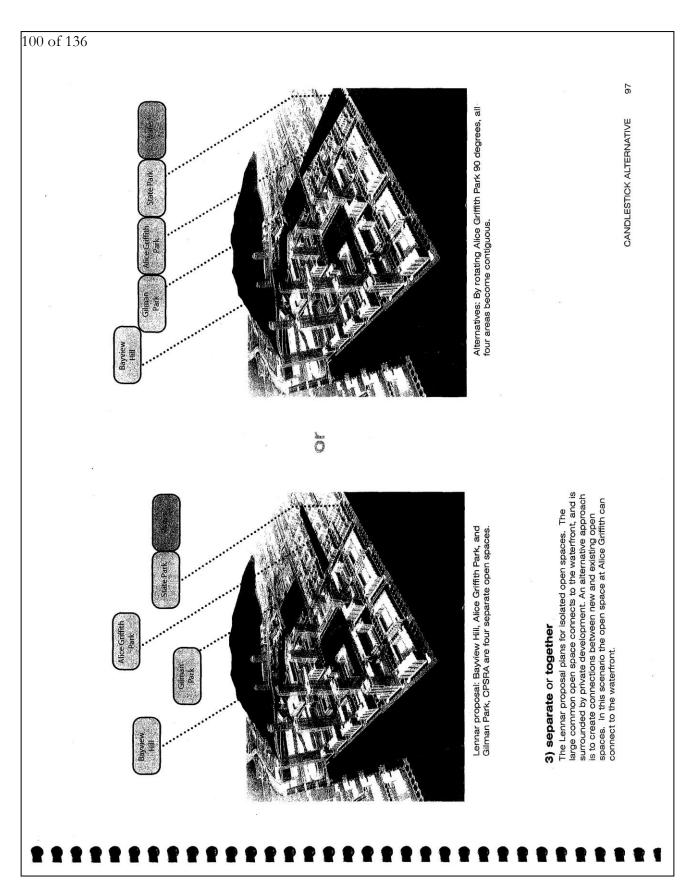


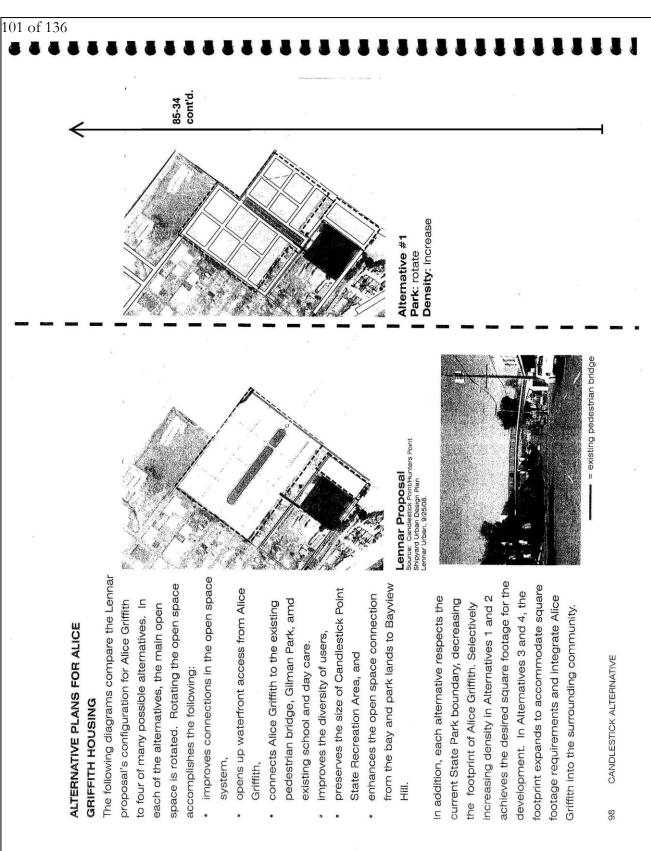


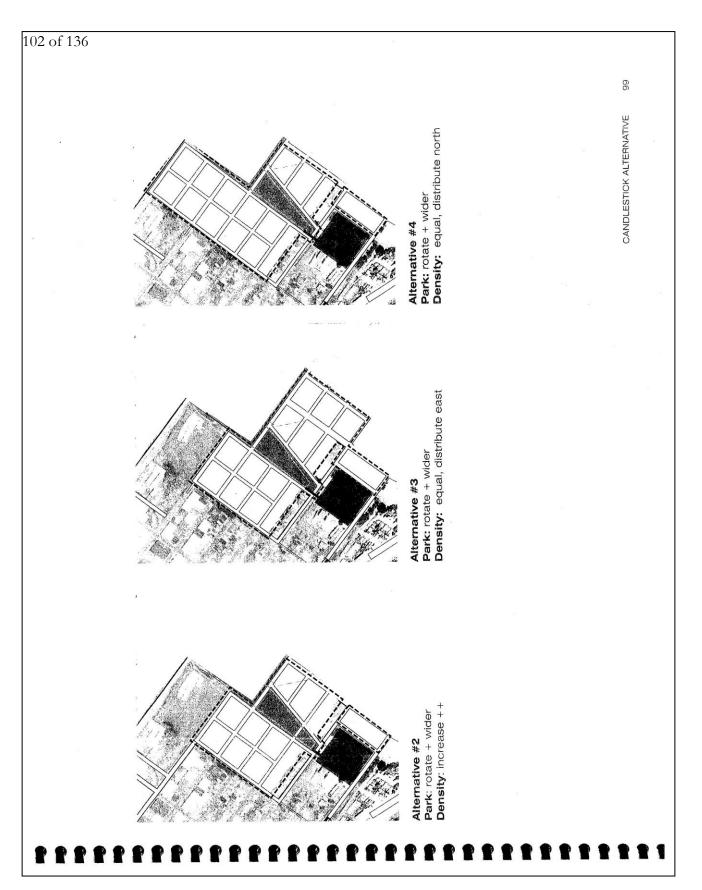
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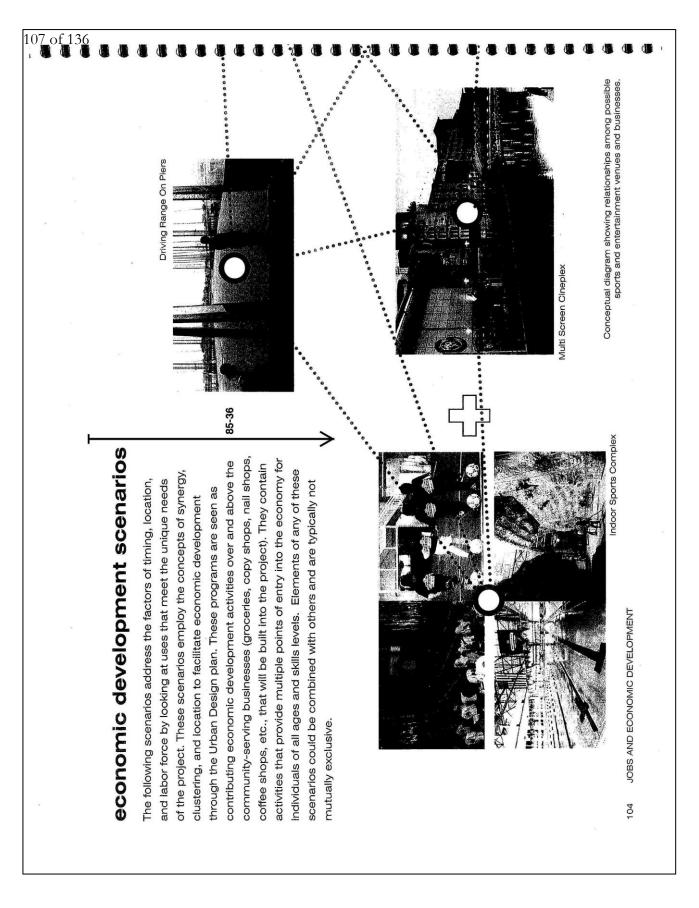


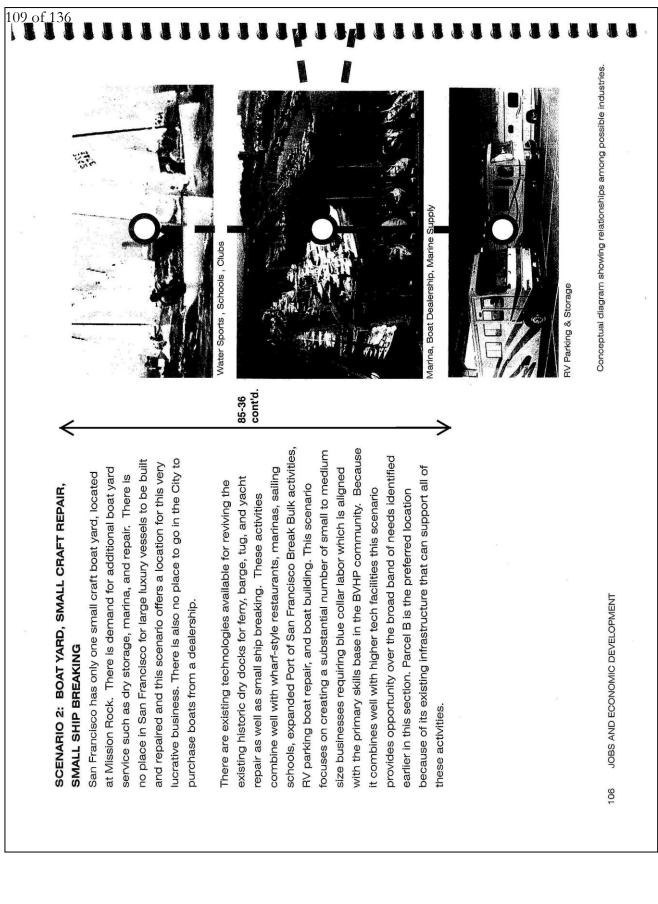


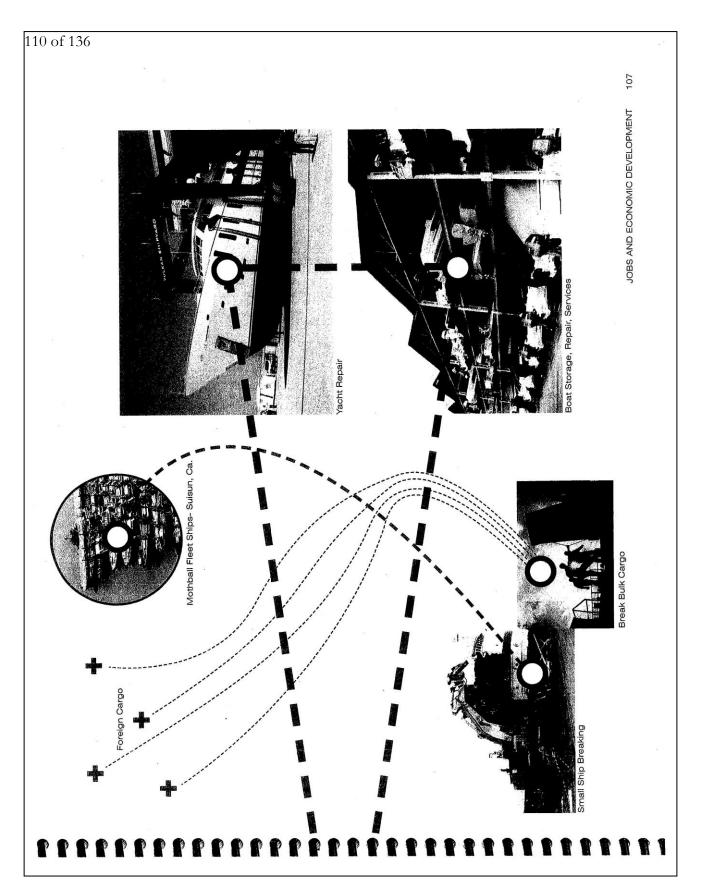


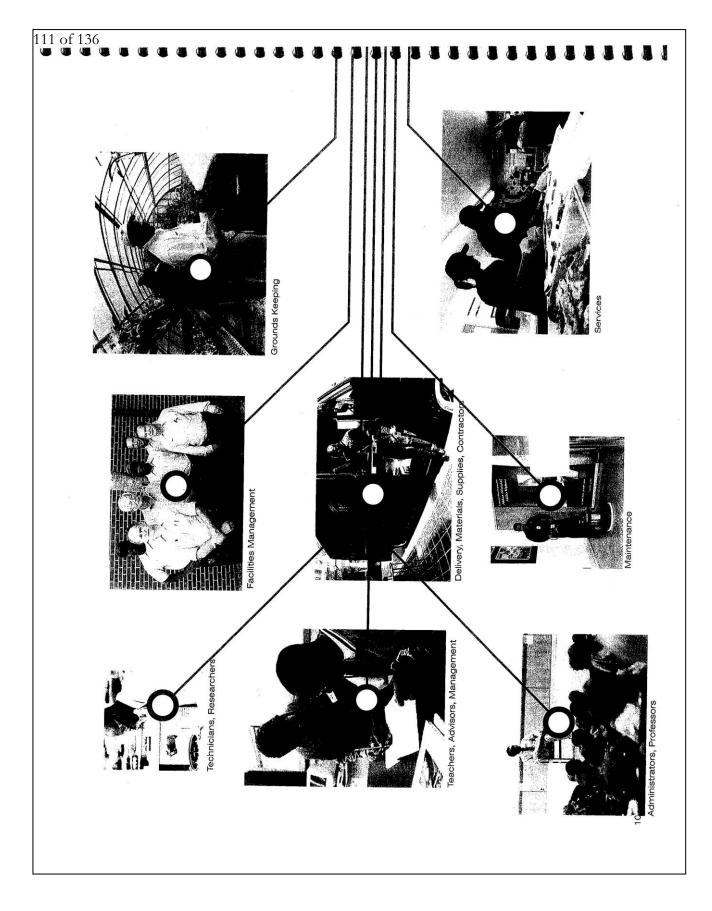
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way to other uses as businesses, the Port, and the city respond to the ever-changing	85-35
nature of the economy. As recent events have shown, making long term predictions about the economy can be tricky. A long term plan for a very large piece of urban real	
estate such as the CP/HPS site requires flexibility. In this section, Arc Ecology presents a	
series of sketches that explore ways the CP/HPS site might be developed to maximize	
its economic and employment potential for Bayview Hunters Point and the city. It is	
institutions that will be viable economic enterprises over the life of the project , and the	8
long term outcome of the current economic chaos is unpredictable; but it is not too	
early to explore the potential of the site - its size, locational and physical attributes,	
and amenities - to host economic activities that would meet specific needs over time	
of current BVHP residents for jobs and business opportunities. The sketches provide	1
some examples of activities that would take advantage of the site's special potential	
and create spatial synergies with the givens (stadium, housing). Like the rest of San	
Francisco's waterfront, the opportunities presented by the Shipyard and Candlestick	
will grow and change over unrie. Initially the jobs and pusinesses will be related to construction, which will most likely last well into a decade, and be gradually replaced	-
with permanent jobs and businesses.	
The concepts presented in this section are "sketches" that were derived from scores	
of meetings with residents and leaders from Bayview Hunters Point and San Francisco.	8 1
Identifying these uses now and sketching out their land and locational needs helps	
sketches highlight the need for policies and programs that match site opportunities	
with the economic needs of the BVHP community that vary according to their age,	
education, sex, and incarceration history. These sketches capture hopes and aspirations	
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Jobs are needed by workers with across a wide age range in Bayview-Hunters Point.		۲	
Many current older residents need to work well into their 70's, and possibly beyond to			
make ends meet. Young workers need to establish a foothold. It is important that job			
creation efforts address the differing needs of all age groups. These needs include:	•		
• immediate jobs for adults between 20 and 75.			
 apprenticeship opportunities for adults between 20 and 40, 			
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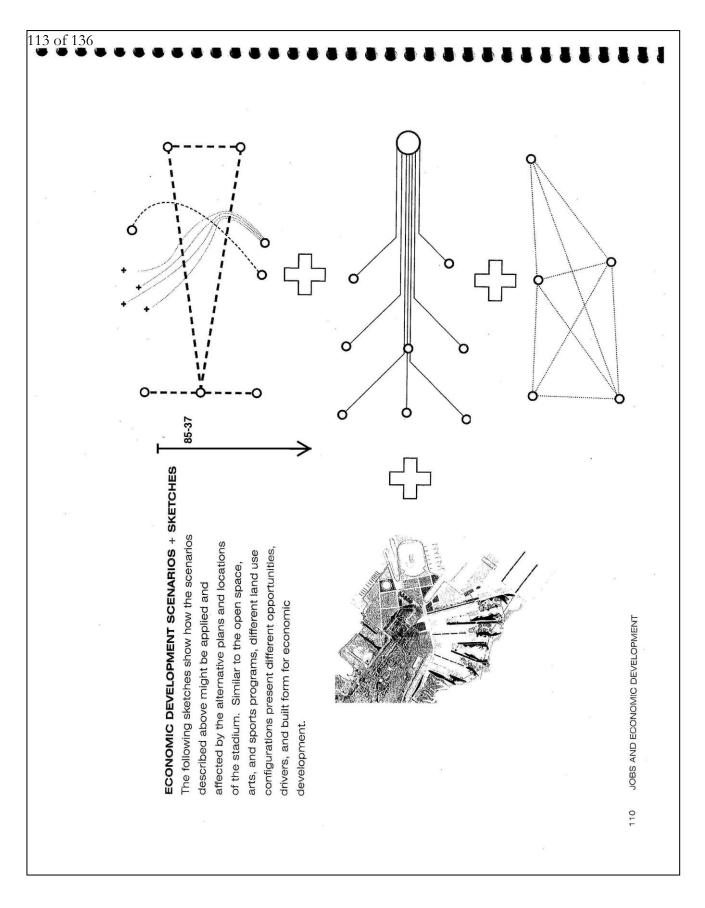


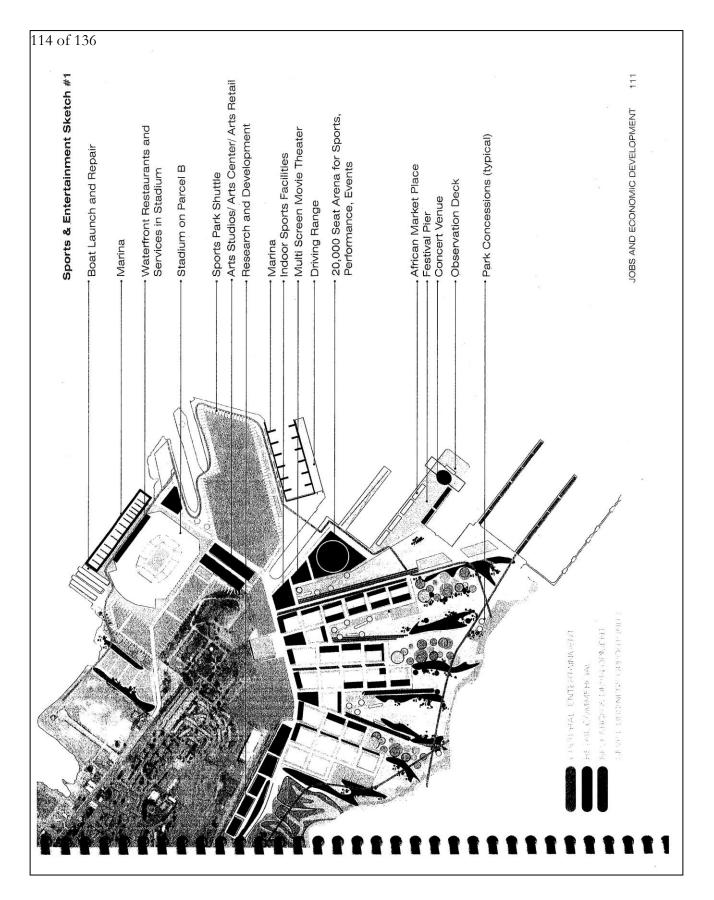




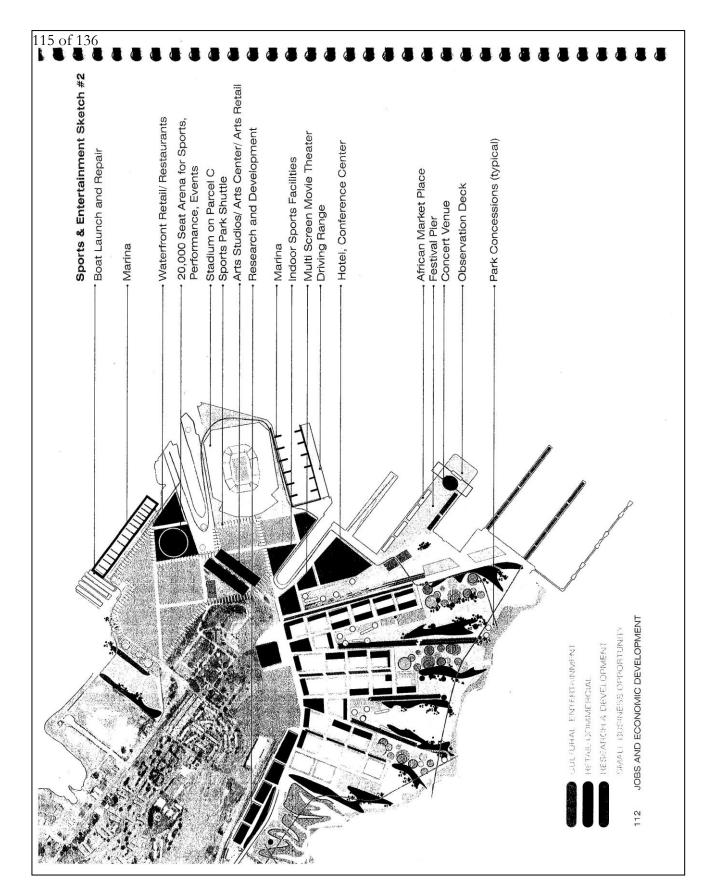


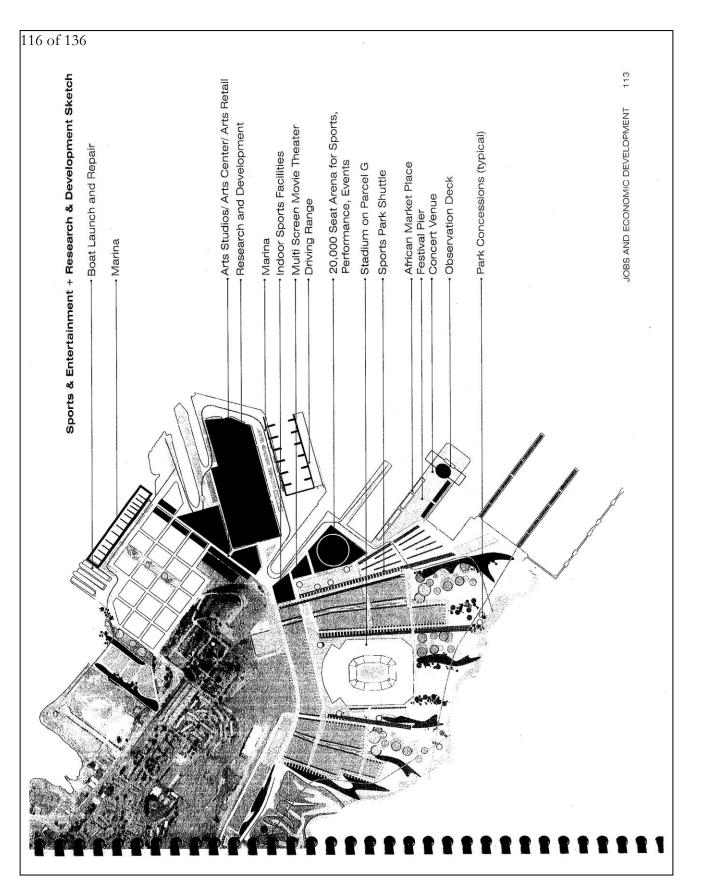


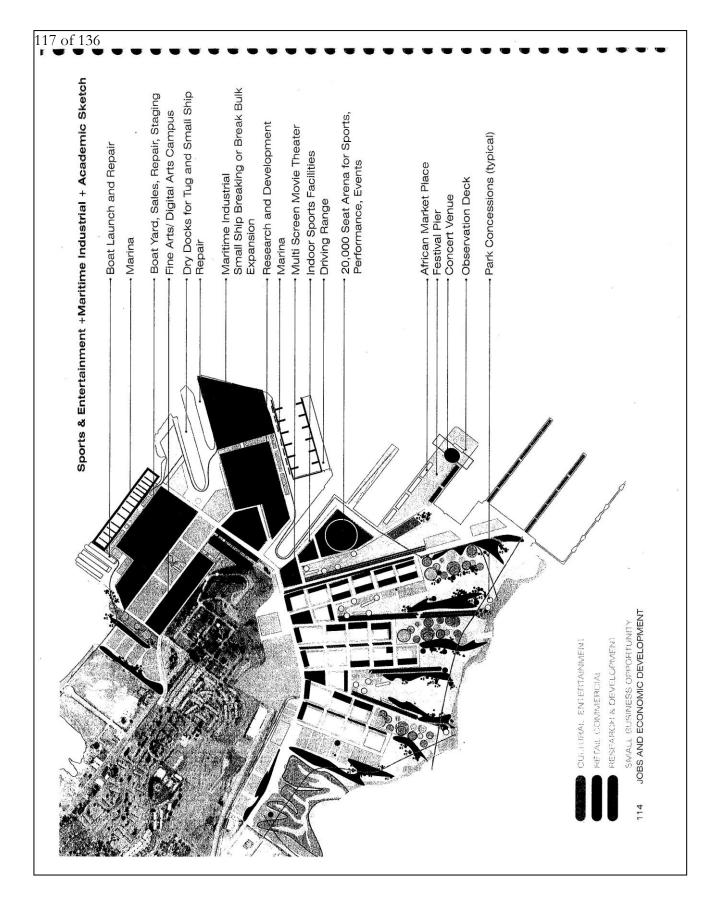


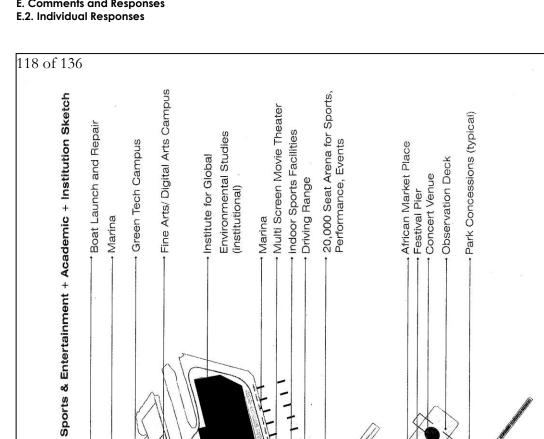


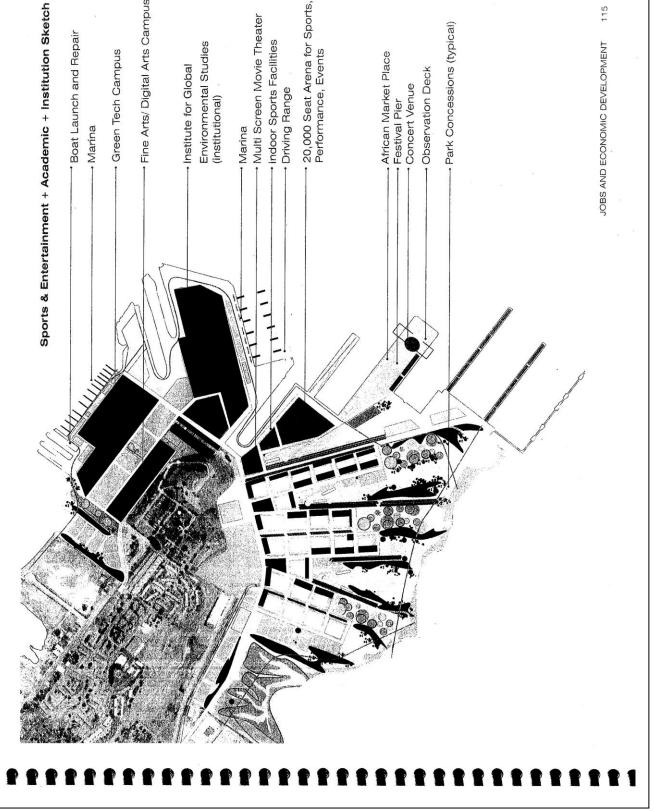
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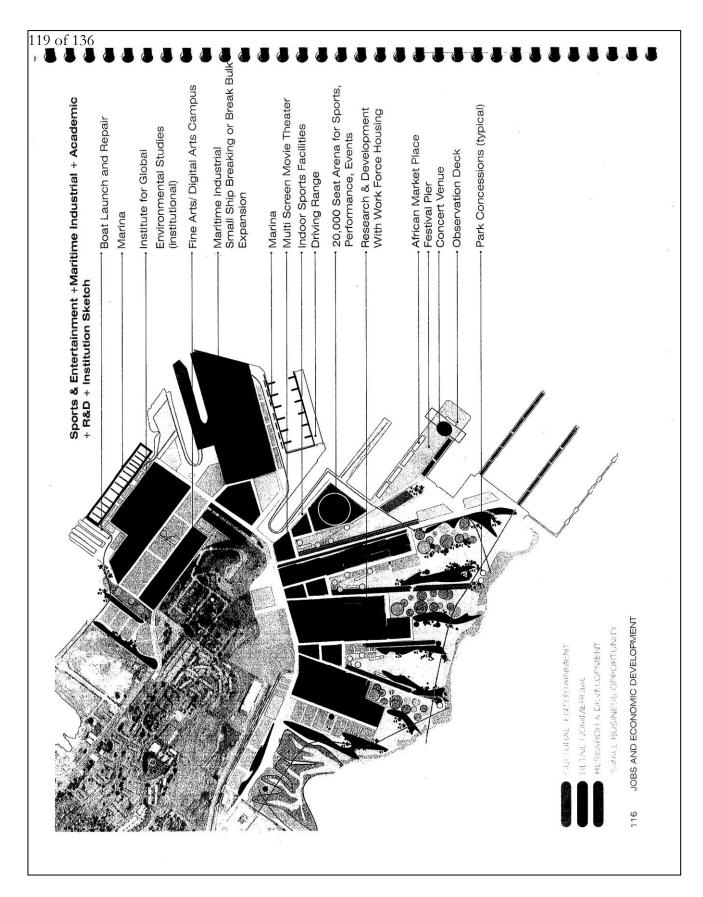


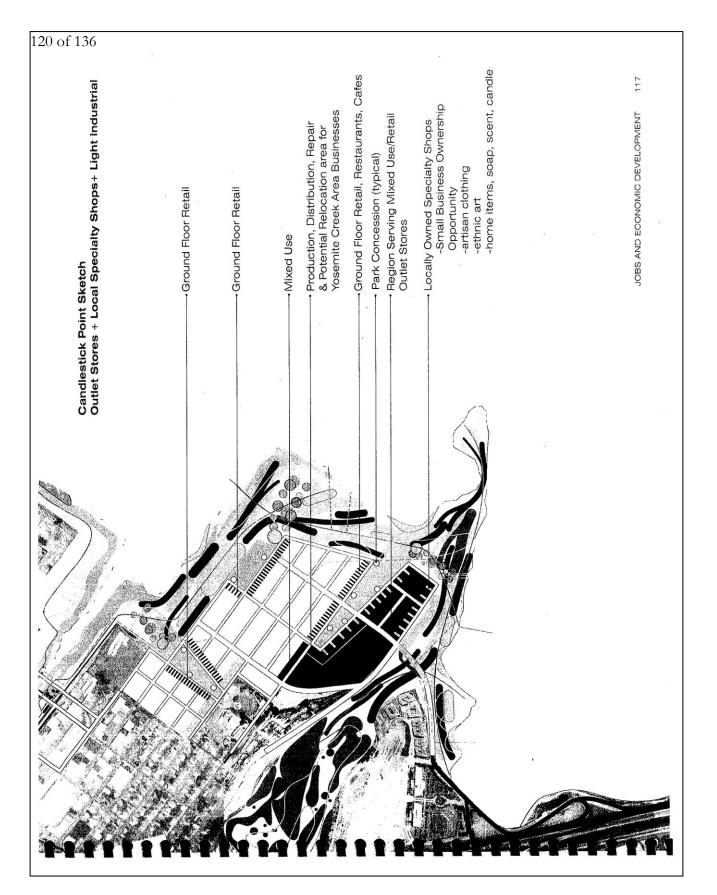


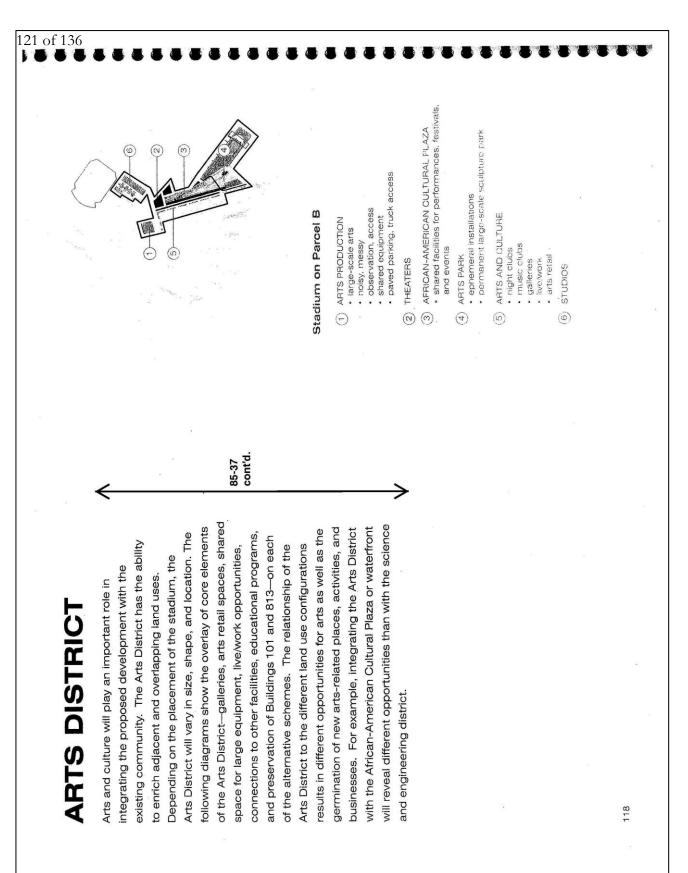


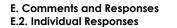


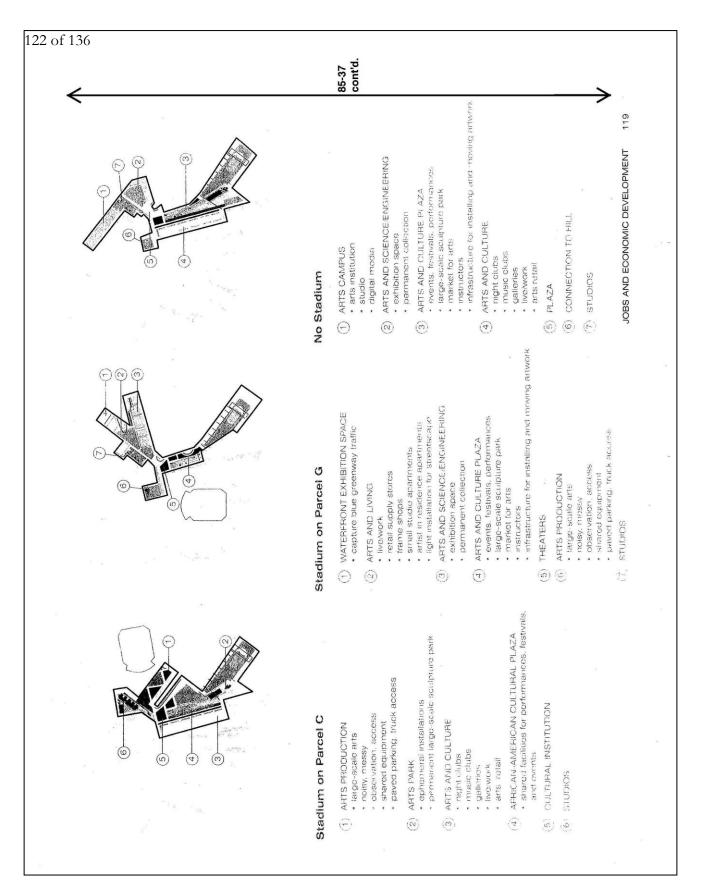


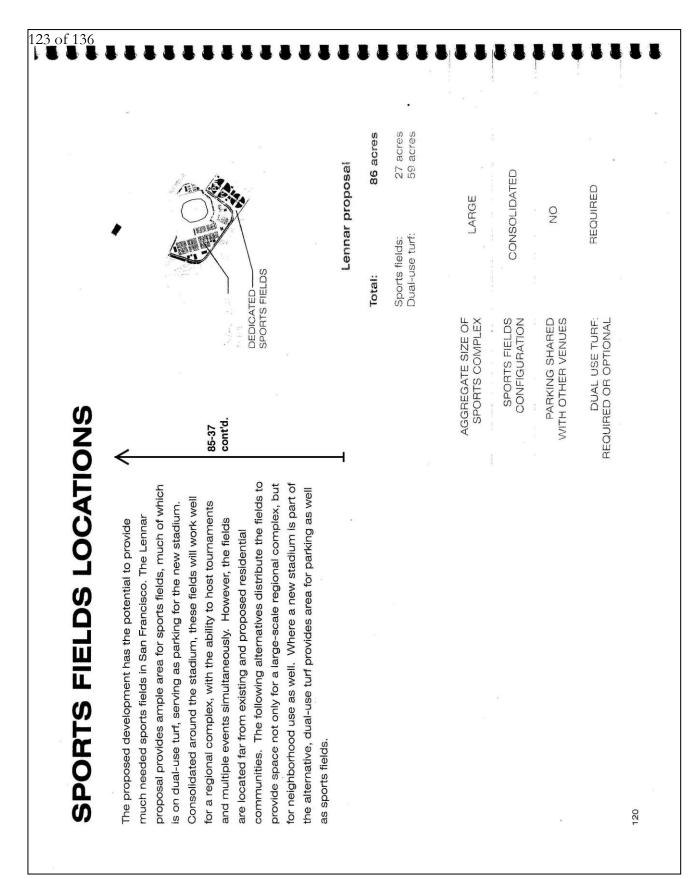


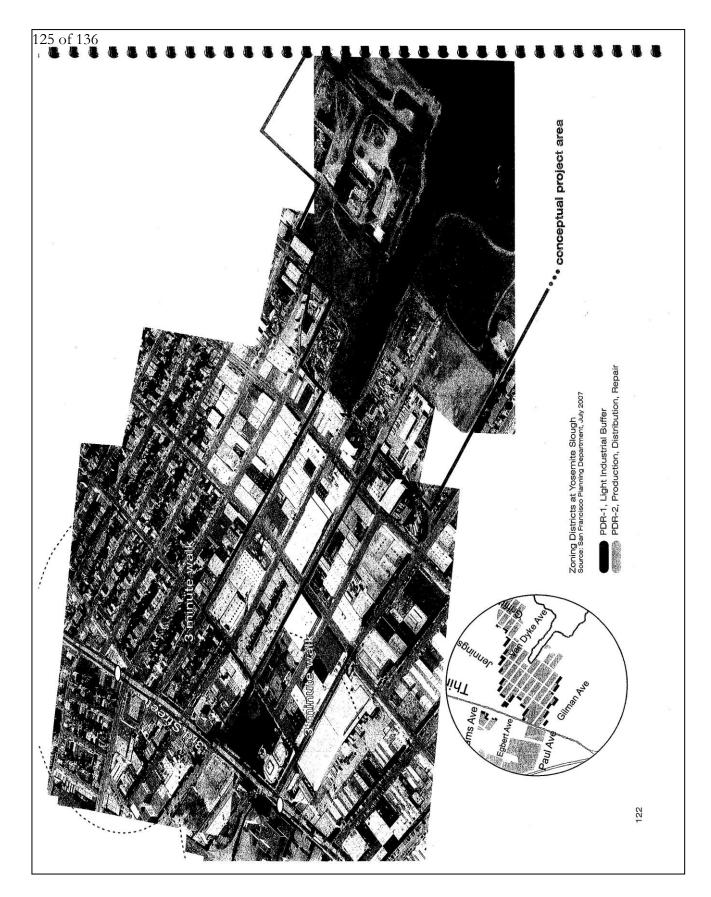






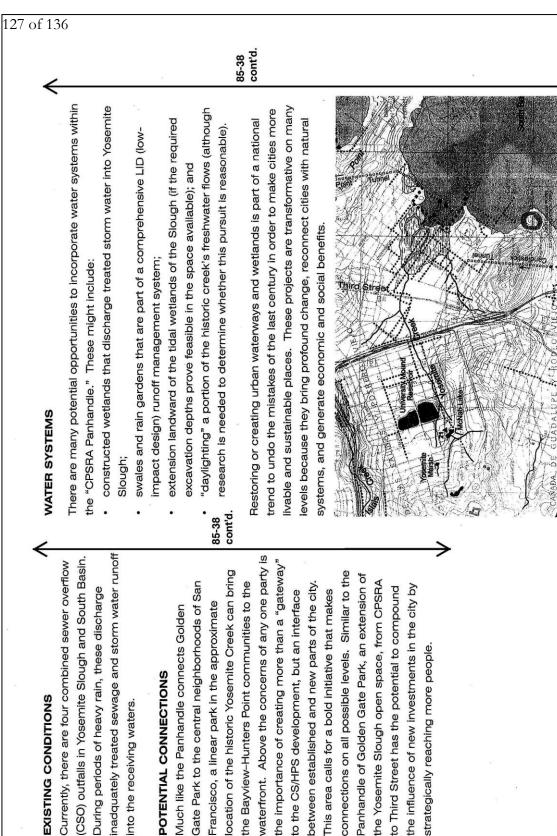






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LINKING THE BAY The vast scale and complexity of the CP/HPS project requires the broadest possible study to address the challenges and opportunities within the project area and in the adjacent community that it will so profoundly influence. Connection to the waterfront and parks, access to jobs and resources, and civic investment, and zoning are all environmental justice issues for the Bayview Community, and within the sphere of influence for a project of this	For the Bayview, the careful planning of the area inland of Yosemite Slough is key to resolving many issues with the CP/HPS project, and advancing the quality and character of the community. Expanding the scope of the planning to include this pivotal area will benefit the CP/HPS project as well. It can relieve the limitations of the project boundaries, add value to existing and future neighborhoods, and chart the improved function of this part of the city. For the city at large, expanding the shoreline open space to the inner Bayview unlocks a long list of potential benefits and opportunities.	Priorities will change, obstacles will fade, and new challenges certainly will arise. But these variables are not reasons to plan in an "as needed" fashion. In fact they call for vision and clear objectives to be defined in order to guide the changing forces at play, and establish common goals, and create excitement for things to come.	3	
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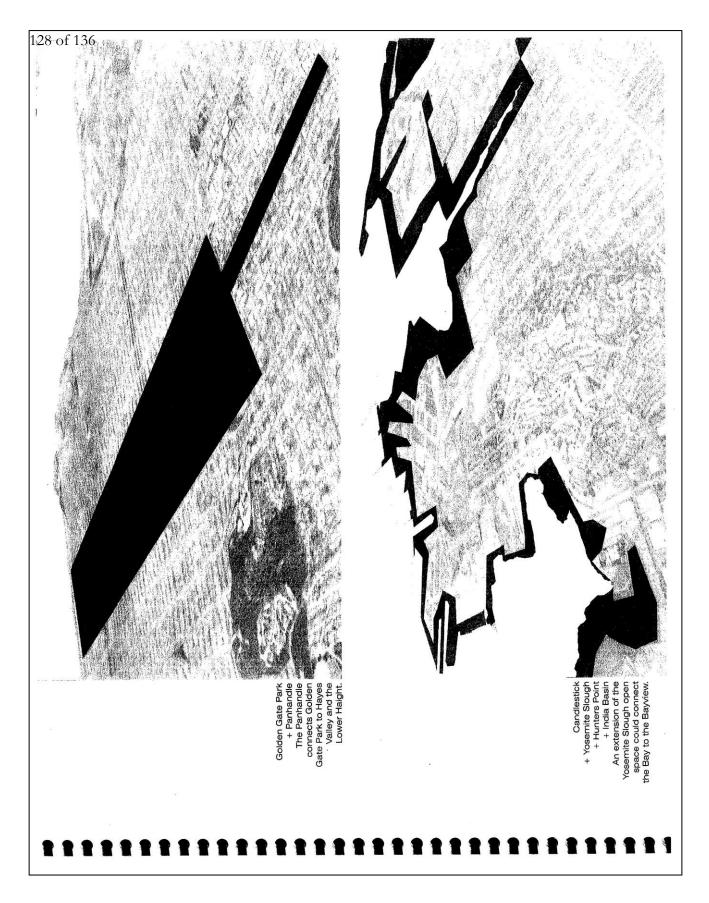
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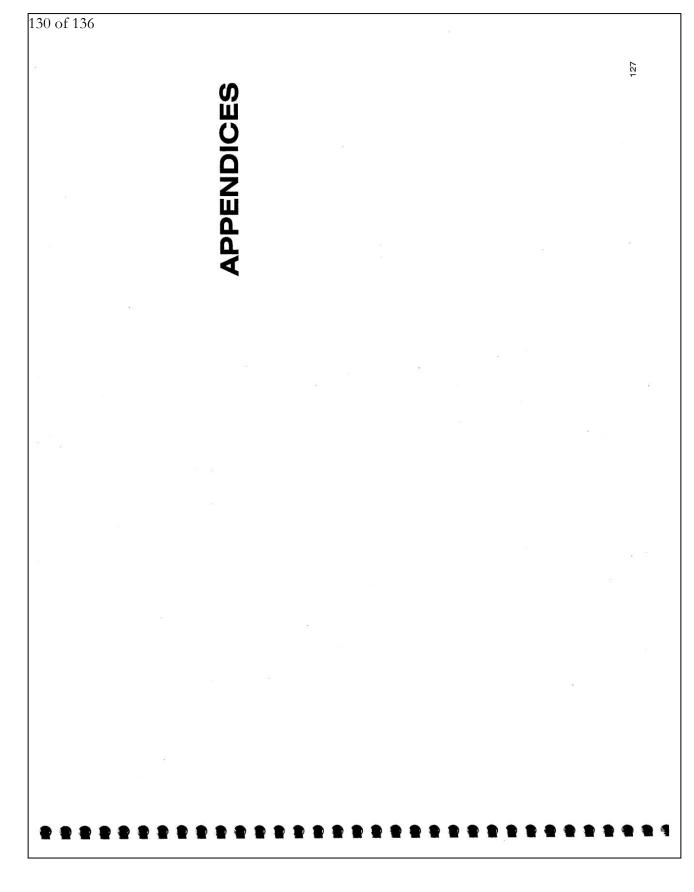
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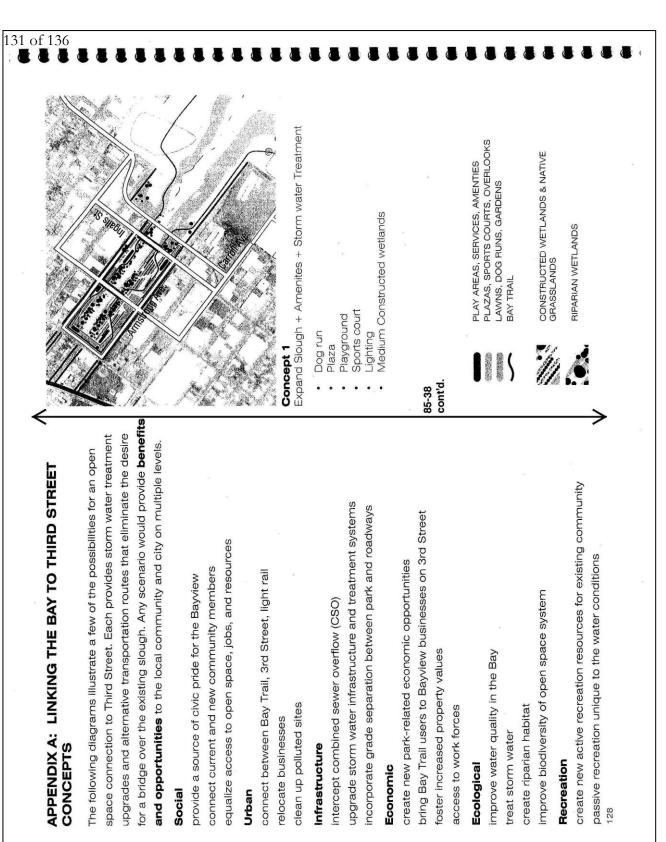
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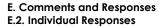


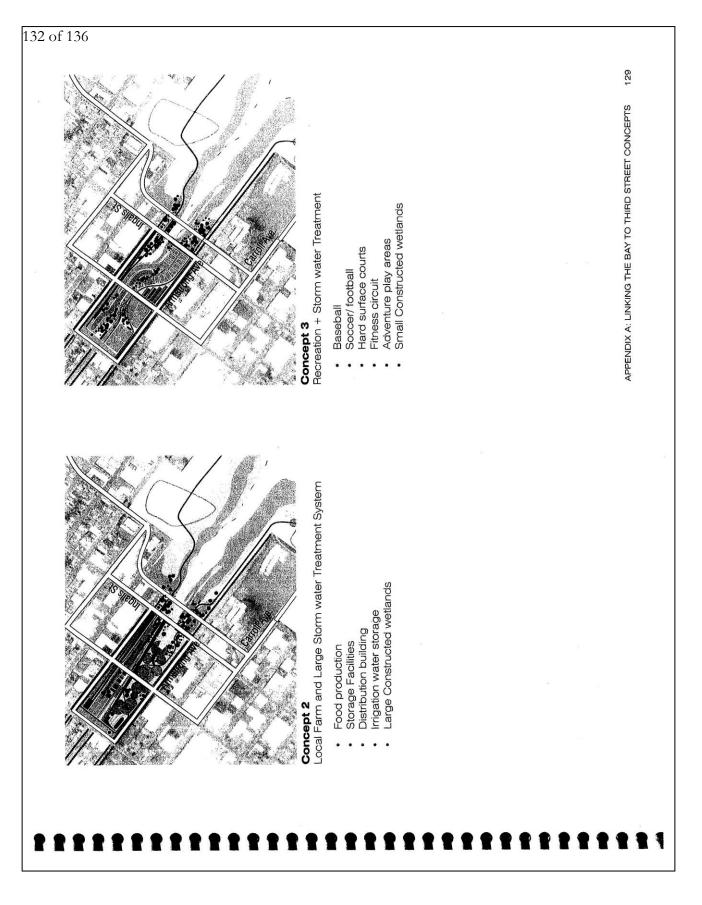
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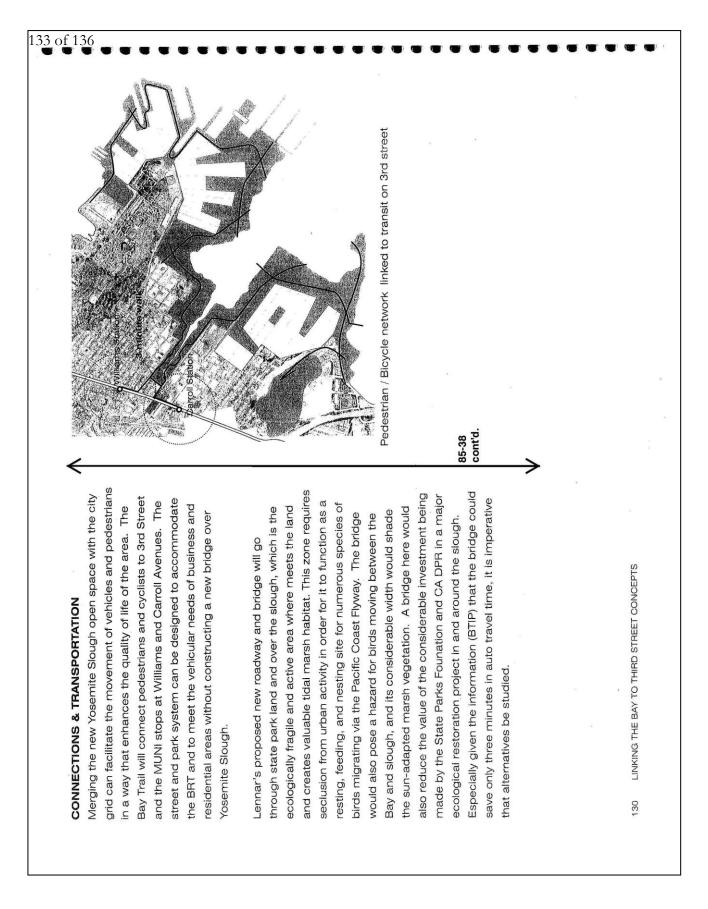


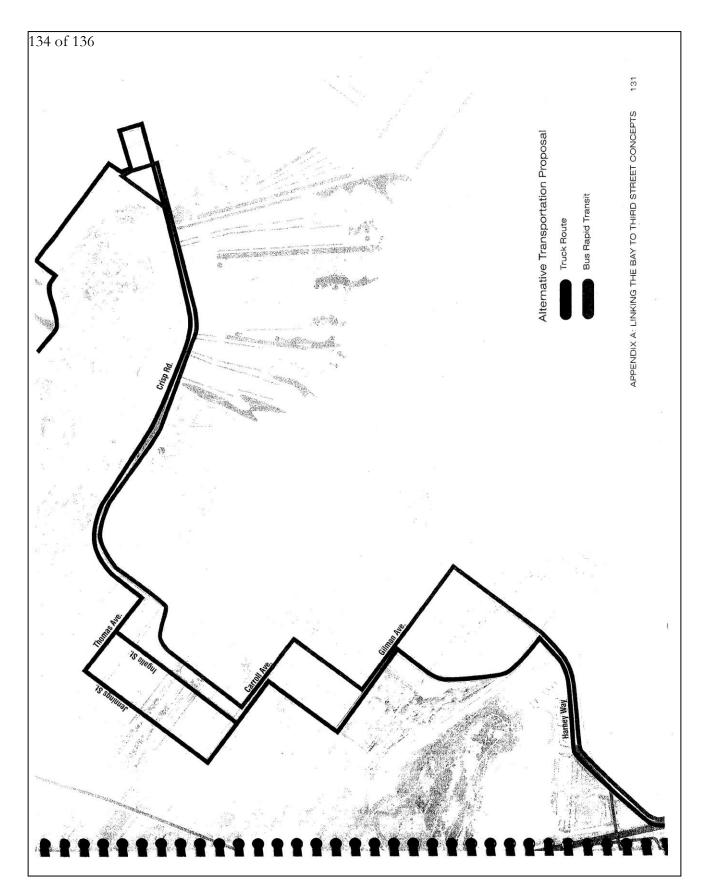




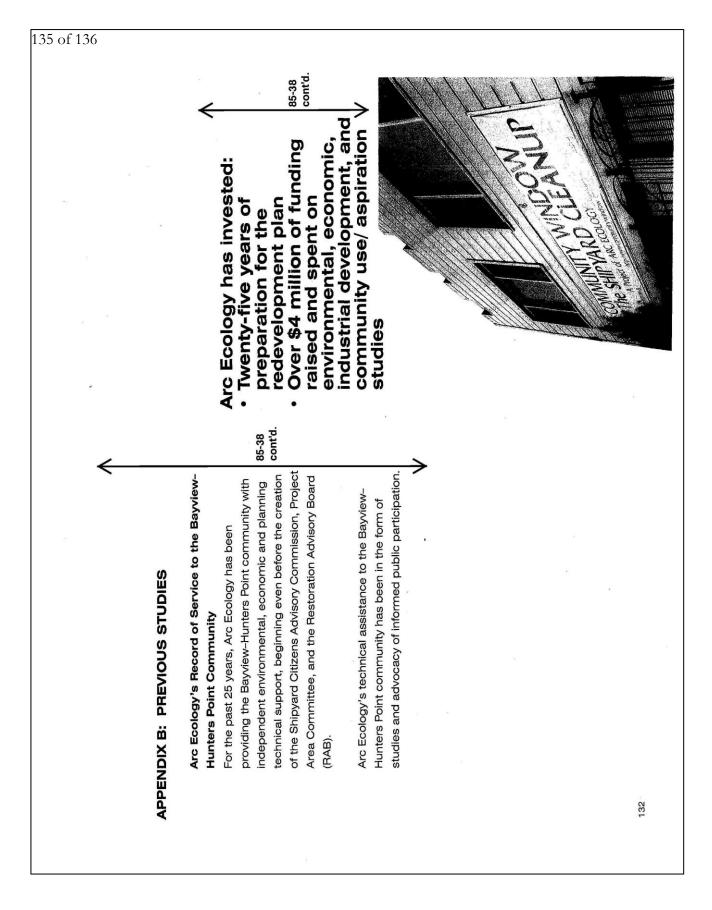












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	1983	Analysis of Infrastructure Needed to Homeport the Battleship Missouri at	36
		Hunters Point Shipyard	
	1986	Report on Hunters Point Shipyard Pollution	
	1995	Report on Ship Recycling as an Employment Generating Interim Use of	
		Closed Navy Facilities in the Bay Area	
	1997	Critique of the Shipyard Redevelopment Plan, including Comments on the	
	0001	Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Study	
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		Watershed Mapping	
		Water Quality Testing	
		Storm Water Wetlands 30% Design	
	2007	Pollution to Parkland: Alternatives for a Waterfront Park at Hunters Park	85-38
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	2008	The Economic Development Potential of a Waterfront Park at Hunters	
		Point Shipyard	
	MONITOR	MONITORING CLEANUP OF HUNTERS POINT SHIPYARD	
	1980's -	Membership in the Hunters Point Shipyard Restoration Advisory	
	present	Board	
		Written comments on approximately 500,000 pages of SuperFund	
		cleanup documents	
	PUBLIC P	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ADVOCACY	
	1989	Arc Ecology scientist monitors cleanup of HPS (1989-current)	
		Proposed creation of the Citizens Advisory Committee to Mayor Agnos	
	1990	Convinced Navy to open a public document repository for cleanup	
		documents at the Anna E. waden (Bayview) Branch library and at the San	
	1992	Sponsored First Community Meeting on New Snipyard Cleanup (at the Bayview Opera House, Sponsored by Arc Ecology, the New Bayview	
ŝ		Committee, and KQED FM)	
	1993	HPS RAB Proposal	
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Letter 85: Arc Ecology (1/12/10)

Response to Comment 85-1

This comment contains introductory or general background information and also reflects the commenter's opinions. This comment states that the commenter is resubmitting their Alternatives for Study document that was submitted prior to publication of the Draft EIR. As mentioned in Response to Comment 84-1, which also makes reference to the Alternatives for Study document prepared by Arc Ecology, page VI-160 of the Draft EIR affirms the receipt of the alternatives study mentioned in this comment, stating:

A number of alternatives were proposed during the planning and public scoping process for the Project. Several of these alternatives were identified by Arc Ecology, a local community organization. In January 2009, Arc Ecology published a report titled *Alternatives for Study, Draft Outline of Issues, Positions, and Alternatives for Public Comment and Further Study* (Arc Ecology Report).¹³⁵⁰

As stated on page VI-165 of the Draft EIR:

Five alternative land use plans were proposed by Arc Ecology and studied in concept for this document. They include proposals to locate the stadium on Parcels B, C, and G of HPS Phase II; one proposal with no stadium at HPS Phase II; and one alternative land use plan for Candlestick Point. ...

Each of these alternatives has been analyzed on pages VI-165 through -172 of the Draft EIR.

In summary, comments 85-2 through 85-49 were already considered during preparation of the Draft EIR given that it is the same document that was submitted as part of the NOP public review process; nonetheless, responses to these comments have been provided below in Responses to Comments 85-2 through 85-49. Comments 84-1 through 84-49 also pertain to Arc Ecology's Alternatives for Study refer to Responses to Comments 84-1 through 84-49 for the extent to which the information contained therein was addressed in the Draft EIR.

Response to Comment 85-2

This comment contains introductory or general background information and also reflects the commenter's opinions. No response is required.

Response to Comment 85-3

This comment contains opinion, anecdotal, or general information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR. No response is required.

Response to Comment 85-4

This comment contains opinion, anecdotal, or general information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR. No response is required.

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With respect to the Arc Ecology alternatives, they were evaluated in the Draft EIR, as further described in Response to Comment 85-1.

Also, in terms of the planning process for the Project, Section I.B (History of the Planning Process), presented on pages I-1 through I-6 of the Draft EIR, describes a planning process that has occurred over three decades and has included hundreds of community meetings and other forms of public outreach. More specifically, in the recent past, between February 2007 and the date of publication of this document, there have been approximately 236 public meetings addressing this Project, including, but not necessarily limited to, meetings with the Bayview Hunters Point Project Area Committee (and its various subcommittees or working groups); the Mayor's Hunters Point Shipyard Citizen's Advisory Committee (and its various subcommittees or working groups); the Agency; the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors (including its various committees or Departments); the Bayview Transportation Improvement Project Committee; the Alice Griffith Tenants Association Meeting; the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee; Shipyard Artists; Sierra Club; Little Hollywood, Executive Park, and Visitation Valley Planning Association; Morgan Heights Homeowners Association; India Basin Neighborhood Association; Bayview Hill Neighborhood Association; San Francisco Housing Action Coalition; and BCDC Design Review.

Beyond the meetings that have already occurred, there are numerous additional meetings planned during the upcoming entitlement process (estimated to conclude by the summer of 2010), which will include, but is necessarily limited to, the following:

- Community discussion of Community Benefits Plan, Below Market Rate Housing Plan, Design for Development, Redevelopment Plan Amendments, Open Space Plan and Disposition and Development Agreement, and other related Project documents with the PAC/CAC, Agency Commission, Planning Commission, SFMTA Commission, and the Board of Supervisors (full and relevant subcommittees)
- PAC/CAC recommendation to adopt/approve Disposition and Development Agreement and related documents (Community Benefits Plan, Below Market Rate Housing Plan, Design for Development, Redevelopment Plan Amendments, Open Space Plan and Disposition and Development Agreement)
- Joint Agency Commission/Planning Commission Hearing
- Certification of the EIR and other Project Documents
- Final Approvals with the Agency Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors (full and relevant subcommittees)

Response to Comment 85-6

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Response to Comment 85-8

This comment contains opinion, anecdotal, or general information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR. No response is required.

Response to Comment 85-9

This comment contains general information (a partial list of wildlife species observed at CPSRA) and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR.

Response to Comment 85-10

This comment contains opinion, anecdotal, or general information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR. The comment will be forwarded to the decision makers for their consideration prior to approval or denial of the Project.

Response to Comment 85-11

This comment contains opinion, anecdotal, or general information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR. No response is required.

Response to Comment 85-12

The City considered numerous alternative locations for siting the stadium, as described in Chapter VI (Alternatives) of the Draft EIR. Commenter is incorrect in stating that the decision to locate a new 49ers stadium was made in the wake of the 49ers decision to move to Santa Clara, implying that the decision was not well thought out. As noted, beginning on page VI-160 of the Draft EIR, alternatives considered, but eliminated from further analysis in the Draft EIR, were evaluated in concept, but were eliminated for one or more factors, including (1) they did not reduce significant environmental effects; (2) they did not achieve most of the basic Project objectives; and/or (3) they were not capable of being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable period of time, taking into account economic, environmental, social, and technological factors. Alternate locations considered included City of Brisbane or Port of San Francisco sites, as well as locations elsewhere within and outside the City of San Francisco. Several pages of the Draft EIR are devoted to an analysis of the reasons for rejecting these alternative sites (refer to Draft EIR pages VI-161 through -170). The City has carefully and thoughtfully examined possible locations for the new 49ers stadium, and has reasonably chosen a feasible option based on a number of complex economic, social, and technological factors.

Response to Comment 85-13

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Response to Comment 85-15

The comment is acknowledged. This comment suggests that the Project does not define ecological objectives, and that the Project represents an opportunity for "bottom-up" ecological planning in which enhancement of biodiversity is the starting point for subsequent design and planning. Though it incorporates a variety of ecological enhancements, the Project is primarily a redevelopment project, and incorporation of ecological enhancements has occurred during the planning process together with a variety of other important policy and planning concerns, including job creation, affordable housing, and other concerns.

Response to Comment 85-16

This comment contains opinion, anecdotal, or general information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR.

Response to Comment 85-17

Refer to Response to Comment 85-12 regarding the numerous alternative locations that the City considered for siting the stadium, as described in Chapter VI (Alternatives) of the EIR, including alternatives that were considered and evaluated in concept, but eliminated from further analysis due to one or more factors.

Response to Comment 85-18

The proposed improvements to CPSRA would provide substantial areas of restored habitat, as discussed in the Draft EIR on pages III.P-19 to -26. The precise acreage and location of the habitat will be determined through the CPSRA General Plan Amendment process.

Response to Comment 85-19

Refer to Master Response 11 (Parcel E-2 Landfill) regarding conditions at the Parcel E-2 landfill, and Master Response 15 (Proposition P and the Precautionary Principle) for a discussion of how Proposition P and the Precautionary Principal relate to the remediation program and the project.

Response to Comment 85-20

Refer to Response to Comment 39-3 with regard to representation of African-American, Asian-American, and Native American communities as part of the Project.

As discussed in Section III.P (Recreation) and in Response to Comment 47-28, the proposed reconfiguration would substantially improve CPSRA and thus advance the goals of the State Park System. The reconfiguration would not add land to CPSRA on Hunters Point, and, as explained in the discussion of "The Neck" on Draft EIR page III.P-19, it would increase the width of the park at what is currently its narrowest point.

Refer to Impact BI-20, beginning on Draft EIR page III.N-108, for discussion of wildlife movement.

Response to Comment 85-22

The comment proposes a study of expanding Yosemite Slough and creating connections to Third Street and its Muni stops. It is unclear what specific suggestions the comment is proposing; however, the Project does include improved connections to Third Street for bicycles, pedestrians, and transit vehicles and the Draft EIR also includes evaluation of an alternative (Alternative 2) that would not include a new bridge over Yosemite Slough.

Response to Comment 85-23

This comment contains opinion, anecdotal, or general information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR. No response is required.

Response to Comment 85-24

The commenter's assumptions in developing planning alternatives included the removal of the landfill on Parcel E2 of HPS and construction of a treatment wetland in its place. Whether the landfill is removed is subject to the Navy's decisions regarding the approach to remediation on HPS.

Response to Comment 85-25

The comment is noted. The Project does not propose any actions within Yosemite Slough itself, other than the proposed bridge. Refer to Master Response 3 (Impacts of the Project on Yosemite Slough [Biological Resources]) for a discussion of the need for the proposed bridge.

Response to Comment 85-26

This comment contains general background information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR. No response is required.

Response to Comment 85-27

Refer to Response to Comment 85-18 for a discussion of habitat restoration within CPSRA. The Project would create continuous open space around the entire shoreline of Candlestick Point and Hunters Point.

This comment consists of general information regarding CPSRA and the commenter's opinion regarding opportunities, constraints, and recommendations regarding potential development in this part of the Project. It is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR.

Response to Comment 85-29

This comment represents the commenter's opinion regarding what the ecological objectives of planning for the CP/HPS Project should be. This comment suggests that the Project improve existing habitat "by capitalizing on the site's topography, hydrology, and potential connections to nearby habitats." The Project incorporates a number of ecological enhancement measures, as outlined in the Draft Parks, Open Space, and Habitat Concept Plan provided in Appendix N3 of the Draft EIR. These enhancements were developed while taking the site's existing biological resources and physical conditions into account.

As discussed in Responses to Comments 47-5, 47-20, and 47-26 through 47-30, and Master Response 3 (Impacts of the Project on Yosemite Slough [Biological Resources]), the Yosemite Slough bridge will not have a significant impact on the slough's recreational, aesthetic, or biological resources.

Response to Comment 85-30

This comment contains opinion, anecdotal, or general information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR. No response is required.

Response to Comment 85-31

These ideas were addressed in Chapter VI (Alternatives) (pages VI-160 through -164). Page VI-163 states:

The Brisbane Baylands locations are not considered feasible sites for the 49ers stadium for the following reasons:

- The Baylands Specific Plan, although not yet formally adopted, does not include a stadium as an allowed use in either the northern or southern portions of the site. Both sites are designated for commercial, office, institutional, and industrial uses. While planning considerations in a particular jurisdiction can evolve over time, it is expected that the range of uses identified in the Phase I Specific Plan reflect Brisbane's long-term planning goals for the Brisbane Baylands, which plans do not include developing a professional football stadium.
- The Brisbane sites are outside of the City and County of San Francisco. Planning review and approval of a stadium in Brisbane Baylands would be subject to City of Brisbane jurisdiction. Neither the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (Agency), the City and County of San Francisco, nor Lennar Urban would reasonably be able to acquire, control, or otherwise have access to a Brisbane site for the purpose of pursuing such alternative locations. Thus, the Brisbane Baylands sites were determined to be infeasible for development of the stadium, and were rejected from further consideration in the EIR.

The Port locations are not considered feasible sites for the 49ers stadium for the following reasons:

- A stadium would displace maritime-dependent cargo handling and industrial uses not available or feasible elsewhere in San Francisco.
- Sports facilities are not allowable uses at either site under the Waterfront Land Use Plan.

• A stadium use at either site would be subject to approval by voters at a public election.

Thus, the Port sites were determined to be infeasible for development of the stadium and were rejected from further consideration in the EIR.

Response to Comment 85-32

Refer to Response to Comment 85-12 regarding the numerous alternative locations that the City considered for siting the stadium, as described in Chapter VI (Alternatives) of the EIR, including alternatives that were considered and evaluated in concept, but eliminated from further analysis due to one or more factors.

Response to Comment 85-33

This idea was addressed in Chapter VI (Alternatives) (pages VI-168 through -169). Page VI-170 states:

With an assumed development of the same magnitude as the Project, construction and operational impacts are generally similar. As this alternative is not substantially different from a Project Variant, it was rejected from further consideration in this EIR.

Response to Comment 85-34

These ideas were addressed in Chapter VI (Alternatives) on page VI-170 of the Draft EIR:

The Arc Ecology report identified additional alternative land uses and concepts for development at Candlestick Point, HPS Phase II, and improvements to areas outside of the Project site. Table VI-11 (Summary of Arc Ecology Land Uses and Concepts for Candlestick Point and HPS Phase II) outlines those concepts and includes a comparison to Project features and impacts. To the extent that these are duplicative of Project or Alternative components, impacts associated with these concepts are analyzed in Chapter III or this Chapter VI. Reasons for rejecting other concepts are explained below.

These ideas were also addressed in Table VI-11 on pages VI-170 through -172.

Response to Comment 85-35

This comment contains opinion, anecdotal, or general information and is not a direct comment on environmental issues or the content or adequacy of the Draft EIR. No response is required.

Response to Comment 85-36

These comments identify three scenarios: sports and entertainment, boat yard/small craft repair/small ship breaking, and academic/institutional. For these scenarios, the key concepts are addressed in the Draft EIR on pages VI-165 to -170, and in Table VI-11 (Summary of Arc Ecology Land Uses and Concepts for Candlestick Point and HPS Phase II) in Chapter VI (Alternatives), pages VI-170 through -172. In general, these scenarios do not provide alternatives that have not been previously evaluated, or that result in fewer impacts than those identified for the Project, Variants, or Alternatives.

Refer to Response to Comment 85-12 regarding the numerous alternative locations that the City considered for siting the stadium, as described in Chapter VI (Alternatives) of the EIR, including alternatives that were considered and evaluated in concept, but eliminated from further analysis due to one or more factors.

Refer to Response to Comment 85-36 regarding alternative scenarios.

Response to Comment 85-38

The key concepts outlined here are addressed in the Draft EIR on pages VI-167 to -169, and in Table VI-11 (Summary of Arc Ecology Land Uses and Concepts for Candlestick Point and HPS Phase II) in Chapter VI (Alternatives), pages VI-170 through -172.

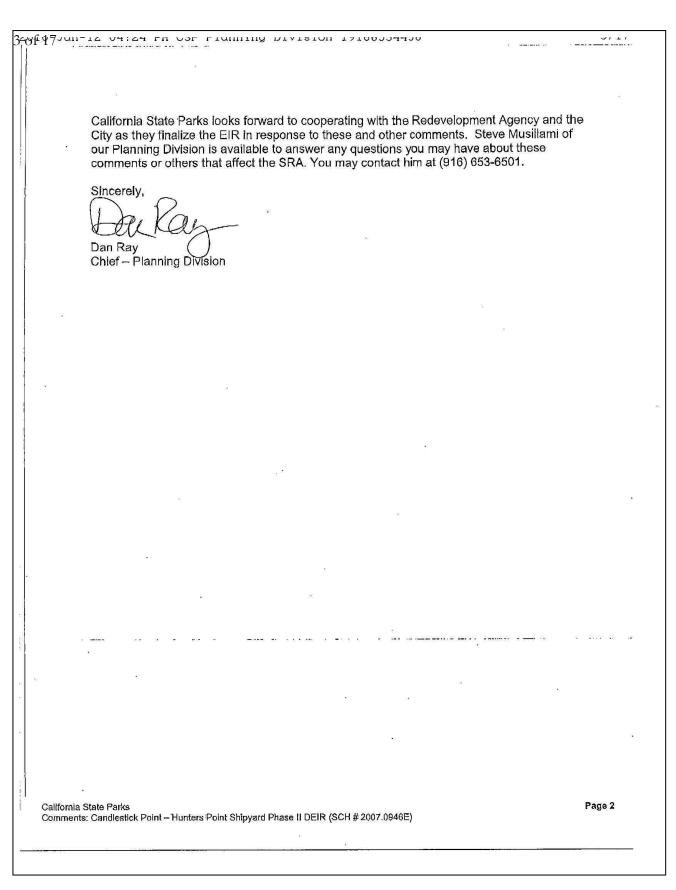
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In general, these scenarios, or combinations of key concepts, do not provide new alternatives that are outside the range of alternatives that have been previously evaluated, or that would result in fewer impacts than those identified for the Project, Variants, or Alternatives.

The remainder of this letter contains background material, and does not require a response.

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	game days. A special concern comes from the combination of tour buses, BRT traffic, and other vehicles that will be concentrated at the bridge during peak stadium use periods and because Yosemite Slough is a potential sink where vehicle emissions may concentrate and affect park visitors, users of the Bay Trail, and wildlife.	86-1 cont
a	<u>Comment A.5</u> Appendix H3, Table 4-3. Because winds can move dust to Candlestick Point SRA and expose park visitors and staff to increased levels of dust, we recommend continually monitoring road dust on site and that a watering system be in place to limit dust migration from construction areas into the SRA. We recommend that the roads/construction areas be watered as needed, which could be more then the three times per day schedule depicted in Table 4-3.	
	<u>Comment A.6</u> Appendix H3, Figure 3-1a. Why does the off site receptor areas stop at the boundary between Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point SRA? Candlestick Point SRA should be included as an off site receptor area as winds and pollutants do not recognize boundaries. Will there be no TAC sources with future work within Parcels E and E2? If TAC sources are later identified within Parcels E and E2, please notify the SRA.	
×	B. Building Mass and Location California State Parks remains concerned about the siting of tall residential towers adjacent to Candlestick Point SRA, where they may affect recreation by casting shadows on recreation sites and facilities, altering winds that support windsurfing or that hinder other outdoor recreation activities, or marring the SRA's scenic bayshore setting. We prefer alternatives that set tall towers as far back as possible from SRA's boundary, minimize impacts of shade and wind at the SRA, and protect views from the SRA toward Bayview Hill. We look forward to working with the Redevelopment Agency and City exploring alternatives that avoid these adverse effects where feasible and lessen those that cannot be avoided.	86-2
	<u>Comment B,1</u> Chapter II, Figure II-5, Towers directly adjacent to the Candlestick Point SRA boundary impact the park and its visitors including shadows, wind, and intrusion on the SRA's visual setting. Park visitors may find the proposed towers out of scale with the SRA's open, low-rise features and facilities, hindering visitors' enjoyment of the park's recreation opportunities. These impacts deserve more careful attention in the EIR.	
Cir 100	Studies of the shadows that the proposed residential towers will cast across the SRA need to be enhanced. We suggest the shade studies at the SRA should be revised to include periods from one hour after sunrise until one hour before sunset, as would be required for city parks under the city's Planning Code Section 295. The standards of Planning Code Section 295 seem equally well suited to assessing the significance of shadows cast on the SRA and City-owned-parks, as visitors enjoy many similar outdoor-recreation activities in both settings.	(a) 23 46 409
	<u>Comment B.2</u> Chapter III.B, Page 39, Paragraph 3-5. As described above, we believe there will be impacts resulting from locating towers adjacent to the Candlestick Point SRA's boundary and at sites that alter the view from the SRA toward Bayview Hill. The last sentence in paragraph 5 should be revised to recognize these changes in the built environment and their impact to the SRA.	
8	<u>Comment B.3</u> Chapter III.E, Page 60, View 11. We believe that locating towers adjacent to Candlestick Point SRA's boundary and at sites that alter the view from the SRA toward Bayview Hill substantially alter the existing visual character or quality of the site and its	\checkmark
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e	surroundings (see Criterion E.c). To mitigate this impact, we recommend setting tall towers as far back as possible from SRA's boundary and relocating the two towers that obscure the view of Bayview Hill to Candlestick Point North.	86-2
	<u>Comment B.4</u> Chapter III.G, Page 7, Paragraph 2. Where buildings over 60-feet must be located adjacent to the Candlestick Point SRA's boundary, California State Parks should be included in the review of building designs and locations to allow it an opportunity for comment on wind and shadow impacts. This mitigation measure should apply to all variants of the project.	cont
	C. Hazardous Substances Because Candlestick Point SRA is composed of landfill that California State Parks acquired prior to contemporary standards for site investigation and due diligence, we know little about hazardous materials that could be unearthed by excavation or grading there. Mitigation measures should be described to guard against the mobilization of undisclosed hazardous materials during project construction and to notify California State Parks of risks created through excavations near the SRA.	86-3
8	In addition, the EIR should be clear that California State Parks has no interest in accepting title to any lands within Hunters Point Shipyard. Measures should be described to safeguard against the mobilization of contaminants there that could affect Yosemite Slough or the SRA's bayshore.	ł
	<u>Comment C.1</u> Chapter II.E, Page 54, Paragraph 2. Add language that no Hunters Point Shipyard soils shall be used for grading adjustments within CPSRA.	
	<u>Comment C.2</u> Chapter III.K, Page 6, Paragraph 1. Lennar is currently conducting soils analysis from drilling test locations within CPSRA. When these analyses are complete, please send copies of soils analysis reports to California State Parks for its staff to review.	
	<u>Comment C.3</u> Chapter III.K, Page 7, Paragraph 1. This section should describe the contingency measures that will be implemented if chemical hot spots are located that may expose Candlestick Point SRA staff or visitors to PAH, PCBs, chlorinated pesticides, or hazardous metals.	
	<u>Comment C.4</u> Chapter III.K, Page 29, Paragraph 4. The DEIR should explain the measures that will be used to monitor for any movement of contaminated ground water at the Hunters Point Shipyard during the project construction period. This could safeguard against the risk of remobilizing toxic plumes that could move hazardous materials to the bayshore within or adjacent to the SRA.	
	<u>Comment C.5</u> Chapter III.K, Page 54, MM HZ-1a. This section should include a site mitigation/contingency planning effort that would be implemented in the event development activity within the SRA indicates a hazardous material release. California State Park staff should be immediately notified in the event of any material release. California State Parks anticipates that compliance with Article 22A will apply for activity to be conducted on SRA lands and be integrated, as a requirement, into relevant agreements between the Redevelopment Agency or City and California State Parks.	vier 1
	<u>Comment C.6</u> Chapter III.K, Page 63, Paragraph 1. In the event unanticipated contaminants are uncovered or mobilized during construction, what assurances or other	\checkmark
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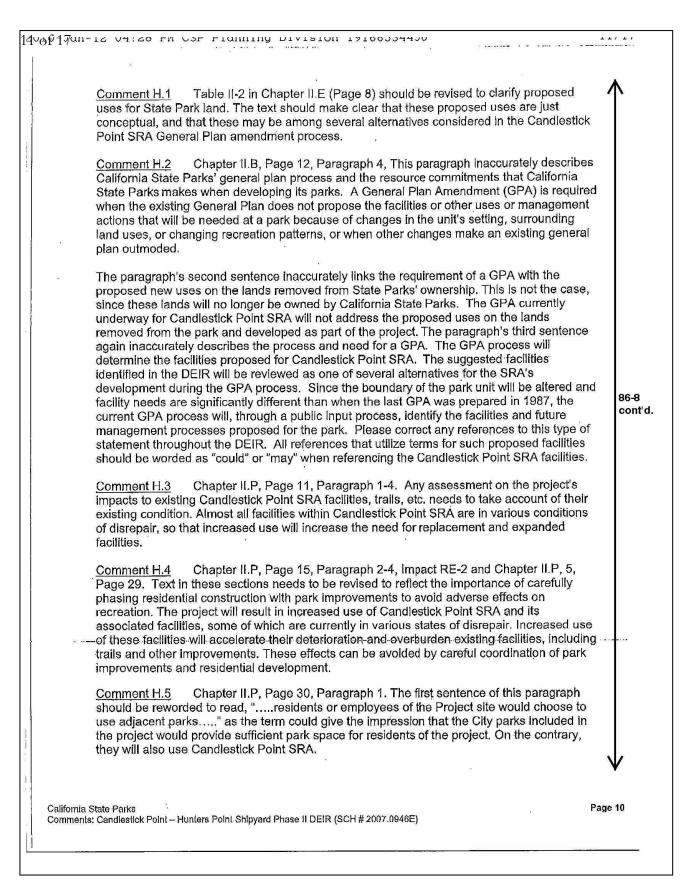
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	measures will be implemented to prevent utility lines and other subsurface improvements from becoming conduits that convey toxics into or through the SRA?	$\int $
	<u>Comment C.7</u> Chapter III.K, Page 67, Paragraph 1. It is unclear as to what specific BMP will be implemented as part of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Candlestick Point and the Hunters Point Shipyard to assure that storm water runoff does not convey or otherwise transfer contaminants through the SRA or to its shoreline. Please clarify what measures will be implemented.	s 86-3 cont'd.
	<u>Comment C.8</u> Chapter III.K, Page 67, Paragraph 3. If the project poses a health risk to workers at Candlestick Point or the Hunters Point Shipyard that could potentially harm Candlestick Point SRA staff or visitors, California State Parks should be notified. Because the SRA is within close proximity of the project, there should be a notification process in place to alert adjoining properties of any potential risks to human health, including immediate notification of significant hazards so that park staff can post warnings or notify the public.	ne D
	<u>Comment C.9</u> Chapter III.K, Page 77, Paragraph 4-6. In the event radiological exposure is determined to be high during bridge construction activity California State Park staff should be notified of any such findings.	e I
ų	<u>Comment C.10</u> Chapter III.K, Page 79, Paragraph 1. Because it is unclear if the bridge pllings could penetrate through bay mud and redirect or intersect adjacent or underlying contaminated soils or ground water, soil studies should be conducted prior to initiating construction to investigate whether bridge pilings could redirect nearby radiologically contaminated groundwater toward Yosemite Slough. If such contamination has the potentiat to occur as a direct result of bridge piling construction, action to remediate any new contamination that results from bridge piling construction activities/improvements should be required.	
	If feasible, the bridge construction should be coordinated with EPA efforts to remove or contain Yosemite Slough's contaminated bay mud.	
	<u>Comment C.11</u> Chapter III.K, Page 81, Paragraph 1-4. What monitoring will be proposed to safeguard against the potential for toxic redistribution during construction at and near the Hunters Point Shipyard shoreline's Parcels E and <u>Comment C.12</u> California State Parks is concerned that construction here could pose a risk to adjacent Candlestick Point SRA lands either through redistribution of underlying toxics or through an intersection or redirection of contaminated ground water. Please identify what measures will be in place to assure these types of scenarios are avoided during construction activities. Recommend adding adiscussion of how avoidance-measures will be implemented.	-
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	<u>Comment C.14</u> Chapter III.K, Page 106, Paragraph 18. This section does not address emissions within Candlestick Point SRA. Recommend adding a section describing the SRA which is within 100 – 1000 feet of the project area.	
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D. Infrastructure	
<u>Comment D.1</u> Chapter II.E, Page 46, Paragraph 2 & 3. We recommend that the auxiliary water supply system, new sanitary sewer and reclaimed water piping be extended to the Candlestick Point SRA. This paragraph should be revised to clarify whether this will be the case.	2.52
<u>Comment D.2</u> Chapter IV, Page 182, Paragraph 1. We are concerned about potential effects of the Membrane Bioreactors (MBR) planned to boarder the SRA as part of the sanitary sewer system serving the project. Because California State Parks has little experience with these facilities, we worry that they may create unpleasant odors or require maintenance or sludge disposal that affect park visitors. The risk of these impacts should be assessed and any necessary mitigation measures prepared in cooperation with California State Parks.	86-4
E. Land Use	Т
<u>Comment E.1</u> Chapter III.B, Page 34, Paragraph 4. There is a statement here that pedestrian access is limited. From what perspective was this statement concluded? Access once inside Candlestick Point SRA is not limited. This statement should read, "Pedestrian access from surrounding residential areas to the Candlestick Point SRA and San Francisco Bay is limited".	86-5
<u>Comment E.2</u> Figure II-17 in Vol. II, pg 86 shows a timeline for development of parks on Candlestick Point SRA and HP Shipyard Phase II that extends through 2021 and 2025. California State Parks appreciated the City and Redevelopment Agency's suggestions about potential phasing of Candlestick Point SRA improvements. Decisions about improvement schedules at the SRA, however, will be made by California State Parks upon completion of the updated general plan for the SRA. The EIR should be revised to clarify that Figure II-17's suggestions for Candlestick Point SRA's improvement are for illustrative purposes only, and may be altered as needed by California State Parks.	
<u>Comment E.3</u> Chapter III.E, Page 55, Paragraph 4. The creation or expansion of beaches or tidal habitat will be determined during the public general plan process for the Candlestick Point SRA. Please add this statement in this paragraph.	
<u>Comment E.4</u> Chapter III.E, Figure II-4. This figure conflicts with Figure II-9. Figure II-14 should depict the Bay Trail route around Yosemite Slough as an alternate route with the proposed route on the bridge. Please make this change on all maps that depict the Bay Trail around Yosemite Slough.	
<u>Comment E.5</u> Chapter III.P, Page 2, Paragraph 5. The description of Candlestick Point SRA should be revised to include a description of the Yosemite Slough area of the park unit. The SRA lands to the northeast of Yosemite Slough include a now defunct auto salvage yard, old warehouse, and two business locations that are currently occupied by a sound studio and a cabinet shop. California State Parks leases the buildings to these tenants on a month to month basis.	

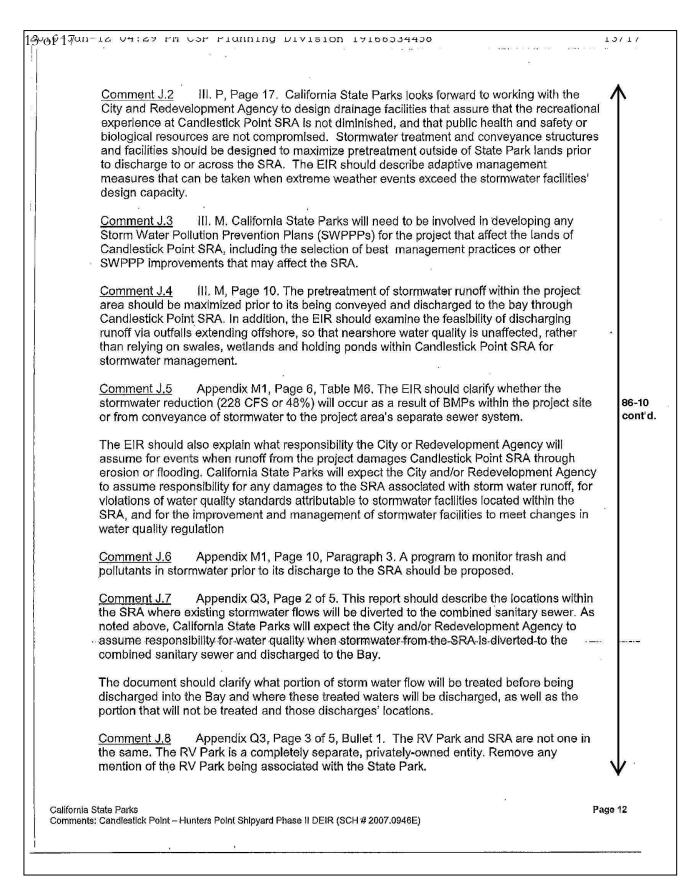
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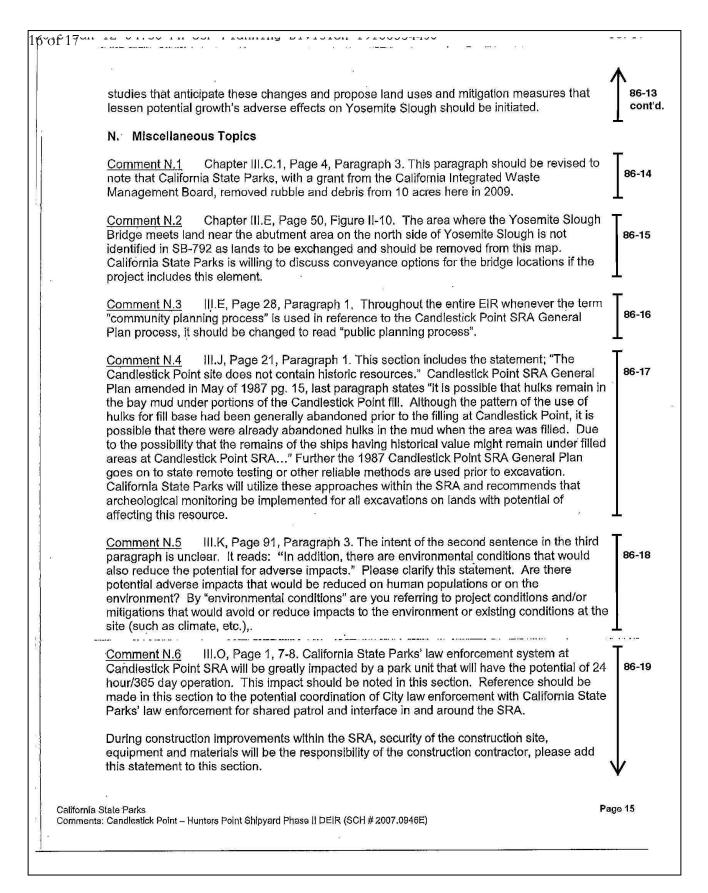


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	Similarly the potential for the bridge to impede kayaks and other paddlecraft from passing beneath the bridge from Yosemite Slough to South Basin needs assessment. This assessment should consider the effects of rising bay levels caused by climate change.	
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	<u>Comment L.1</u> III. B, Page 24, Paragraph 2. As noted in our comments on natural resources, the EIR does not provide sufficient information to conclude that the Yosemite Slough bridge will not detract from biological resource values. More detailed analysis of all the impacts from the bridge to the slough and SRA needs to be prepared.	
	<u>Comment L.2</u> III. F, Page 38, Paragraph 5. The impacts of noise, lighting, views and vibration from bridge construction and bridge traffic on a restored slough and on shorebird use of Double Rock needs to be assessed. Double Rock should be identified on all plans associated with the bridge alternatives. These effects should be analyzed for all alternatives and variants. After these effects by the bridge and the associated traffic are identified, California State Parks stands ready to work with the City and Redevelopment Agency to develop measures to mitigate adverse effects.	
	<u>Comment L.3</u> IV. M, Page 4. Based on the presently available information, it appears that if a stadium is not built on Hunters Point, then alternatives that do not include a bridge over Yosemite Slough can minimize effects to the SRA. Alternate BRT lines routed through the neighborhood would, as identified in the EIR, add 5 minutes to BRT travel times while avoiding potential bridge impacts – seemingly a reasonable balance between circulation and park protection.	
	<u>Comment L.4</u> Appendix N2, Page 1 of 7. Measures to mitigate effects of the coffer dams to be used during bridge construction, including impacts to the shores of Yosemite Slough, should be proposed. Candlestick Point SRA is willing to work with the City and Redevelopment Agency regarding possible mitigation measures for these impacts.	
	<u>Comment L.5</u> Appendix N2, Page 6 of 7. Use of rock that is colored to match existing soils at the bridge's southern and northern abutments can mitigate visual impacts.	
	Many maps within the EIR indicate that temporary access roads and contractor lay down areas may extend into the SRA. If the bridge would extend into portions of the SRA beyond what is depicted on EIR maps, these maps need to be changed accordingly. California State -Parks stands ready to work with the City and Redevelopment Agency-to define mitigation measures to lessen the impacts to wetlands.	diatante a 1
	M. Growth-inducing impacts The EIR lacks an assessment of how the project may induce changes in land use outside the project area. One particular concern for California State Parks is the lands adjoining the south and east sides of Yosemite Slough. The likelihood of the project to induce gentrification in these areas or to spur changes in land use seems high. Without proper planning, growth induced by the project next to Yosemite Slough could cause a variety of effects to this portion of the SRA by impeding access, changing views and the built environment, and increasing stormwater runoff to the slough. Planning	86-1
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	Game day increased traffic enforcement outside of the SRA will not be the responsibility of California State Parks law enforcement.	86-19 cont'd.	
er A	<u>Comment N.7</u> III.P, Page 6, Paragraph 3. The determination that the reconfiguration of Candlestick Point SRA would comply with the LWCFA has not yet been determined and this sentence should be stricken from the EIR.	86-20	
	<u>Comment N.8</u> Page 32, Paragraph 3. The last sentence of this paragraph mentions that as least \$10 million of funding would be provided for future operations and maintenance of the Candlestick Point SRA. This sentence should be revised to quote the correct language referencing this topic in SB 792.	86-21	
	<u>Comment N.9</u> Appendix N3, Page 27, Paragraph 2. There needs to be the additional recognition that a "Key Issue" is also to provide opportunities for interpretation, for people to explore nature, learn about global climate change (relevant here as the project includes strategies to address sea level rise) and acquire environmental literacy.	86-22	
	<u>Comment N.10</u> Appendix N3, Page 32. This section should include the text, "provide for discovery and personal connection with the natural and cultural resources, to achieve environmental literacy, and learn about"	86-23	
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Letter 86: California State Parks (1/12/10)

Response to Comment 86-1

Refer to Master Response 3 (Impacts of the Proposed Project on Yosemite Slough [Biological Resources]), specifically subheading Consideration of Yosemite Slough and the Yosemite Slough Restoration Project in the Draft EIR, regarding inclusion of the Yosemite Slough within the Project boundary.

With regard to comment A regarding Air Quality and subcomments A.1, A.2, and A.5, refer to Response to Comment 47-42 (California State Parks Foundation) for a discussion of air monitoring and dust mitigation related to construction activities. Mitigation measure MM HZ-15 (based on *San Francisco Health Code*) requires recordkeeping of dust monitoring results and establishing a hotline for surrounding community members who may be potentially affected by Project-related dust.

The comment recommends monitoring for DPM; however, there is no current technique to directly collect and analyze DPM. DPM is the particulate component of diesel exhaust from diesel-fueled combustion sources. DPM generally consists of elemental carbon (EC), sulfates, silicates, and various organic compounds adsorbed on the particulate. DPM is often used as a surrogate for emissions of all toxic air contaminates from diesel-fueled compression-ignition internal combustion engines, regardless of whether it is a solid or gaseous phase constituent. Since there is no current technique for monitoring DPM, EC often serves as a surrogate. To quantify EC as a surrogate for DPM, ambient $PM_{2.5}$ (particulate matter with aerodynamic diameter < 2.5 micrometers [µm]) is collected on a filter and analyzed using thermal/optical methods to determine EC content. Then a multiplying factor is applied to the resulting EC concentration to estimate ambient DPM concentration.

There are also inherent limitations in attempting to quantify excess cancer risk through monitoring for DPM. As discussed earlier, it is impossible to directly monitor DPM; therefore EC is used as a surrogate. However, EC can originate from a variety of natural and anthropogenic sources not associated with the combustion of diesel fuel. For example, EC can be generated during forest fires or as a component of wood smoke. As such, using EC to approximate DPM can dramatically overestimate potential health impacts. In addition, the ratio used to estimate DPM concentrations from measured EC concentrations can vary quite significantly depending on the type of source of the DPM, the engine operating conditions (e.g., load factors), and a variety of other factors. Therefore, defining an appropriate multiplier to accurately estimate DPM concentrations is extremely difficult, especially when DPM comes from a variety of types of sources of DPM, such as would be expected from construction equipment. The quantification of DPM using EC as a surrogate in ambient air monitoring may result in significant uncertainties for estimating potential health impacts. Instead, comparing health risks (based on modeled air emission concentrations) to the designated BAAQMD CEQA significance thresholds is the best available methodology for evaluating potential health impacts, consistent with BAAQMD CEQA guidance.

With regard to subcomment A.3, analytical results for chemicals in soils within the CP area were available from two investigations conducted by Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (Geomatrix): *Site Investigation and Risk Evaluation Report for the Proposed San Francisco 49ers Stadium and Mall Site: North Park and Last Port Areas*

(Geomatrix 1998a) and Addendum 1 to the Site Investigation and Risk Evaluation Report for the Proposed San Francisco 49ers Stadium and Mall Site: North Park and Last Port Areas (Geomatrix 1998b). As part of their evaluation, Geomatrix evaluated potential onsite construction worker exposure and risks during construction/development. As estimated risks to the construction workers at occupational dust levels were below levels of significance, they concluded that all off-site populations, which would include park visitors, would also be below levels of concern. As discussed in Response to Comment 47-42 (California State Parks Foundation), the Dust Control Plan (DCP) for the Project will require specific actions to control dust to the extent deemed necessary by the SFDPH to achieve no visible dust at the property boundary.

The analyses conducted to evaluate $PM_{2.5}$ impacts were based on annual average traffic estimates from the Project, which do take into account traffic on the 10 to 12 game days per year and evaluates major roadways where this traffic occurs. As such, the impact of game day traffic was evaluated in Appendix H3 of the Draft EIR, Attachment IV, and shown to be less than significant.

With regard to subcomment A.6, Appendix H3 of the Draft EIR, Attachment III, addresses potential operational emissions (emissions of toxic air contaminants [TAC]) from proposed R&D areas including any portion of Parcel E that might be designated for R&D. Parcel E-2 and most of Parcel E will be open space areas. As the estimated air concentrations and corresponding risk would decrease with distance from the R&D areas, the estimated air concentrations and corresponding risks for receptors even farther away (e.g., Candlestick Point SRA) would be lower than those predicted for nearby receptors in this evaluation, as stated in the Draft EIR on pages III.H-33 to -34. Refer to Master Response 19 (Proposed BAAQMD Guidelines), which provides an assessment of localized cumulative effects of TAC and PM_{2.5} within the Project site and 1,000 feet outside of the Project site based on the most recent BAAQMD guidance.

Response to Comment 86-2

Refer to Response to Comment 47-48 with regard to shadow effects on Candlestick Point State Recreation Area.

Response to Comment 86-3

As described on pages III.K-6 to -8, there have been three environmental assessments of Candlestick Point, including the State Recreation Area conducted since 1998, the most recent in March of 2009. Extensive soil and groundwater sampling was conducted. As a result of these assessments, the DEIR concludes, on page III.K-53 that there are no sites with known contamination requiring remediation at Candlestick Point. The EIR also concludes that the low-levels of hazardous materials detected in the sampling and general knowledge of the types of materials that can be in bay fill lead to the conclusion that there is a potential for exposure to hazardous materials from development activity in the Bay fill areas of Candlestick Point, including CPSRA. MM HZ-1a requires that, prior to engaging in development activity at CPSRA, the Project Applicant must conduct an environmental assessment and, if necessary, implement a site mitigation plan, equivalent to what is required by *San Francisco Health Code* Article 22A (sometimes called the "Maher Ordinance"). In response to the comment, the text in mitigation measure

MM HZ-1a, page III.K-55 of the Draft EIR, has been revised as follows (new text is shown as underlined):

MM HZ-1a Article 22A Site Mitigation Plans. (Applies only to Candlestick Point.) Prior to obtaining a site, building or other permit from the City for development activities involving subsurface disturbance at portions of Candlestick Point bayward of the high tide line, the Project Applicant shall comply with the requirements of San Francisco Health Code Article 22A. If the site investigation required by Article 22A (or, in the case of development activity in CPSRA, which is not subject to Article 22A, a comparable site investigation that is carried out to comply with this measure, and which involves notification to California State Parks if a site mitigation plan is prepared), indicates the presence of a hazardous materials release, a site mitigation plan must be prepared. The site mitigation plan must specify the actions that will be implemented to mitigate the significant environmental or health and safety risks caused or likely to be caused by the presence of the identified release of hazardous materials. ...

The commenter that California State Parks has no interest in accepting title to any lands within HPS Phase II is noted. This comment will also be forwarded to the decision-makers for their information prior to approval or denial of the Project.

Comment C.1

As stated on pages II-54 and II-55 of the Draft EIR:

The estimate of earthwork grading requirements for HPS Phase II was based on a profile along the edge of development of Parcels B and C, which allows for overland flow and piped storm drainage flow. Earthwork at the 49ers stadium location and parking lot would be raised and graded by providing five feet of embankment over existing ground surface. This allows for buried pipeline with limited penetration of the existing soil. There would be some excavation on site. The material would be imported from Candlestick Point or other off-site sources.

Therefore, on HPS Phase II, soil would need to be imported, rather than exported, and any excavation would be localized for the purpose for installing utilities. No HPS Phase II soils would be used for grading adjustments within the CPSRA. In response to this comment, text in the Draft EIR has been revised in Chapter II (Project Description) on page II-54, as follows:

The estimate of earthwork grading requirements for Candlestick Point was based on a profile along the edge of development, which allows for overland flow and piped storm drainage flow. All earthwork is assumed to be used on site for Project grading and for grading improvements to the State Park land, or is exported to HPS Phase II. <u>Hunters Point Shipyard soil shall not be used for grading adjustments within CPSRA.</u>...

Additionally, text in the Draft EIR has been revised in Section III.K (Hazards and Hazardous Materials) on page III.K-54 as follows:

The requirement for a site assessment prior to obtaining a grading permit for new construction would be triggered by Article 22A for sites at Candlestick Point located bayward of the 1851 high tide line, which are the Candlestick Point North and Candlestick Point South districts, comprising the bulk of the area previously investigated in 1998. Compliance with Article 22A requirements would ensure current conditions are assessed in the area previously investigated in 1998, and that they are assessed in light of the specific planned depths of excavation. As stated below on page III.K-68, Hunters Point Shipyard soil shall not be used for grading adjustments within CPSRA, but may be reused on the Shipyard to the extent permissible under the Navy remedial program.

And in Section III.K on page III.K-68:

Various construction activities at HPS Phase II, such as grading, trenching, compacting, and excavating, would result in soil being handled and moved. The excavated soil may be used as fill elsewhere at HPS Phase II, to the extent permissible under the restrictions discussed below, but would not be reused at CPSRA or any other off-site locations.

Comment C.2

This comment does not raise environmental issues or comment on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. The request should be made directly to the Project Applicant.

Comment C.3

The description the commenter requests of contingency measures is not appropriate for the Current Conditions discussion on page III.K-7 of the Draft EIR where the commenter asks it be added. There is a description of contingency measures in the discussion of Impact HZ-1a and Impact HZ-2a (Draft EIR, pages III.K-53 and -54; III.K-58 and -59), which address the potential at Candlestick Point for harmful exposure to contaminants from known and unknown sources of contamination as a result of soil and groundwater disruption from construction activities. Implementation of the associated mitigation measures MM HZ-1a and MM HZ-2a.1 renders the potential impact less than significant. The mitigation measures include contingency plans to address unexpected hot spots and prevent exposure to workers, the public, and the environment.

Comment C.4

With respect to groundwater monitoring at HPS, as explained in Section III.K.2 (Setting), pages III.K-11 through -26, as part of the ongoing remediation of HPS, extensive groundwater monitoring networks exist throughout the various parcels. Furthermore, mitigation measure MM HZ-1b requires that, before any development activity that disturbs soil or groundwater may occur, SFDPH must verify that the activities would be done in compliance with all applicable restrictions from environmental documents, including requirements set forth in Land Use Control Remedial Design Documents, Risk Management Plans, and health and safety plans, which include protocols for the management and monitoring of groundwater.

Comment C.5

In the event development activity within SRA indicates a hazardous material release, the contingency plan created pursuant to mitigation measure MM HZ-2a.1 and approved by the SFDPH would be implemented. Implementation of the contingency plan would involve site control procedures, and appropriate notification. Refer to Master Response 16 (Notification Regarding Environmental Restrictions and Other Cleanup Issues), which revises MM HZ-2a.1 to specify that the notification required in the contingency plan must include nearby property owners, which includes California State Park staff. Also note the revision to MM HZ-1a described above in the response to the opening paragraph of this comment adding an express requirement to notify California State Parks staff if the required environmental site assessment on CPSRA property identifies conditions requiring preparation of a site mitigation plan.

Comment C.6

Impact HZ-4, on page III.K-64 of the Draft EIR, addresses the potential for underground utility lines at Candlestick Point to serve as conduits that convey toxics and expose workers, the public, or the environment to hazardous materials. As discussed above, MM HZ-1a requires the implementation of a site mitigation plan if the environmental assessment required before development activity is conducted at Candlestick Point identifies contamination requiring mitigation, and MM HZ-2a.1 requires implementation of an unknown contaminant contingency plans if unknown contaminants are otherwise discovered at candlestick point (or HPS). If the conditions addressed by these required plans could potentially be spread through utility lines or other subsurface improvements, the plans would specify measures to prevent the conveyance of toxics through such conduits. Such measures may include backfilling portions of trenches with segments of concrete, compact clay, or a cement and bentonite mixture. These less-permeable materials may be placed at 200-foot intervals or at the edges of known areas of groundwater contamination.

Comment C.7

As stated in Impact HZ-7, the specific control measures that will be implemented to protect workers, the public, and the environment from hazardous materials in stormwater runoff will be developed to account for the specific characteristics of each site, contaminant type and concentrations, potential exposure pathways, and populations that could be at risk. The control measures will be part of a site specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Mitigation measures MM HY-1a.1 and MM HY-1a.2 provide examples of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will be employed as part of the SWPPP. The BMPs range from scheduling practices, to sediment and erosion control, and waste management. By way of example, some of the soil and erosion control BMPs include, but are not limited to stabilizing and revegetating disturbed areas immediately after construction; installing temporary slope breakers during rainy season on slopes greater than 5 percent where the base is less than 50 feet from a water body; using filter fabric or other measures to prevent sediment from entering storm drain inlets; and detaining and treating stormwater using sedimentation basins, sediment traps, baker tanks, and other measures to ensure discharges meet water quality objectives. Further, monitoring and reporting requirements are likely to include SWPPP inspections, written reports, and monitoring of the water quality of discharges from the site to assess the effectiveness of control measures. For more information on the exact requirements and regulatory structure, refer to mitigation measures MM HY-1a.1 and MM HY-1a.2, as well as Impact HZ-7.

Comment C.8

As discussed above, contingency plans developed pursuant to mitigation measure MM HZ-2a.1 will address unexpected contaminants and health risks, and implementation of the plans will involve site control procedures and appropriate notification. Refer to Master Response 16 (Notification Regarding Environmental Restrictions and Other Cleanup Issues), which revises MM HZ-2a.1 to specify that the notification required in the contingency plan must include nearby property owners, which includes California State Park staff. Also note the revision to MM HZ-1a described in the response to the opening paragraph of this comment adding an express requirement to notify California State Parks staff if the

required environmental site assessment on CPSRA property identifies conditions requiring preparation of a site mitigation plan.

Comment C.9

As stated in Impact HZ-9 on pages II.K-77 and -78 of the Draft EIR, before any work begins on the Yosemite Slough bridge, a removal action workplan would be submitted to and approved by the FFA Signatories and the California Department of Public Health for excavation of any potentially radiologically contaminated areas, to ensure that there are no significant risks from radiological exposure. If unexpected radiological contaminants are later found during bridge construction, the applicable unknown contaminant contingency plan, approved by SFDPH under mitigation measure MM HZ-2a.1, would be implemented, and California State Parks would be notified as nearby property owner per the revisions made to that mitigation measure in Master Response 16 (Notification Regarding Environmental Restrictions and Other Cleanup Issues).

Comment C.10

Refer to Master Response 10 (Pile Driving through Contaminated Soils) and mitigation measure MM HZ-5a for a discussion of the precautions that will occur prior to and throughout pile driving to ensure the process does not mobilize and spread contamination. Note also that US EPA is one of the FFA signatories that must approve the removal action workplan to excavate radiologically contaminated soil before any construction work at Yosemite Slough may take place.

Comment C.11, Comment C.12

Parcel E shoreline is proposed to be used as open space. As discussed in Impact HZ-10b, construction along the Parcel E shoreline would likely consist of installing natural-looking shoreline protection using fill and Articulated Concrete Block (ACB) mats. Under mitigation measure MM HZ-10b, before undertaking any such shoreline improvement, the Agency or Project Applicant must prepare design documents that describe how the Navy-installed cover and riprap will be evaluated to determine if their integrity could be compromised by the shoreline improvements, and how construction activities would be performed to mitigate environmental risk, including risk of redistribution of toxins and mobilization of contaminated groundwater. The Agency or Project Applicant must demonstrate to SFDPH that it will comply with all requirements incorporated into the design documents, as well as the work plans, health and safety plans, and any other document or plan required under the AOC, including the CERCLA documents, in order to obtain a permit for construction. A preliminary conceptual groundwater monitoring approach will be finalized in the Parcel E Remedial Design, and will probably be consistent with monitoring approaches presented in Parcel C and Parcel D Feasibility Study reports.¹²² At Parcel E-2, ongoing monitoring programs include Storm Water Discharge Management Program, Landfill Cover Inspection and Maintenance Program, Basewide Groundwater Monitoring Program, and Landfill Gas Control and Monitoring Program (refer to Draft EIR, page III.K-23). Other measures to reduce the potential impact of shoreline improvement construction, as indicated in mitigation measure MM HZ-10b, include the implementation of mitigation measures MM BI-4a.1, MM BI-4a.2, MM BI-5b.4, MM BI-12b.1, MM HY-1a.1, and MM HY-1a.2. As discussed above, the latter two

¹²² See Draft Feasibility Study Report for Parcel E, Appendix C (July 2009).

mitigation measures will help ensure toxins are not redistributed through stormwater runoff, and include monitoring and reporting BMPs. Refer to the specific mitigation measures for more detail.

Comment C.13

In Master Response 16 (Notification Regarding Environmental Restrictions and Other Cleanup Issues), MM HZ-15 is revised to include an express requirement to notify property owners (which would include California State Parks) when monitoring results indicate asbestos levels that have exceeded the standards set forth in the asbestos dust mitigation plan.

Comment C.14

The sole purpose of Impact HZ-18 on pages III.K-105 to -107 is to discuss the potential of the Project to result in a human health risk due to the potential disturbance of hazardous substances, including hazardous air emissions, within one-quarter mile of a school. This discussion is included in the Draft EIR because, as indicated on page III.K-48 of the Draft EIR, one of the significance criteria related to hazardous or acutely hazardous materials is whether the project would emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances or waste within one-quarter mile of a school. The potential for the Project to result in exposures to hazardous materials at other types of nearby properties (like CSPRA) is addressed throughout the Impacts discussion in the hazards section: for example, in Impact HZ-8 on pages III.K-71 to -77; Impact HZ-15 on pages III.K-97 to -100; and Impact HZ-16 on pages III.K-101 to -103.

Response to Comment 86-4

With regard to the auxiliary water supply system, the separated sanitary sewer system, low-pressure water system, and reclaimed water systems will extend appropriately sized services to Candlestick Point SRA. The AWSS is a dedicated fire protection system that serves to back up the low-pressure water fire protection system. The AWSS main locations will be designated by the SFFD.

With regard to a membrane bioreactor (MBR) system, the Draft EIR presents a graphic that depicts potential locations for an MBR system (refer to Figure IV-22 [Utilities Variant Location of Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Plants], which is provided on page IV-183 of the Draft EIR). However, all of these locations are preliminary; other locations could be identified, and locations that are depicted on Figure IV-22 may be eliminated from further consideration. This EIR does not analyze the impacts of an MBR in a particular location. If Variant 4 is approved with an MBR system, such a system would only be allowed as a secondary use, and the specific siting and type of MBR system would be subject to future review and discretionary approval by the Agency, including the necessary review required under CEQA. As described in Appendix T2 of the Draft EIR, in general, odors from MBR facilities can be easily mitigated by using odor control devices such as scrubbers and ensuring that the tanks, treatment works and buildings are well sealed.

Response to Comment 86-5

In response to the comment, Section III.B (Land Use and Plans), Draft EIR page III.B-34, second full paragraph, has been revised as follows:

 \ldots Pedestrian access to the CPSRA and the San Francisco Bay $\underline{from\ surrounding\ land\ uses\ is}$ limited. \ldots

In response to the comment, Figure II-17 (Proposed Building and Parks Construction Schedule) indicates that the completion dates are estimated and subject to change. CPSRA improvements outside of the control of Lennar Urban may be completed as determined appropriate by California State Parks.

In response to the comment, Chapter II (Project Description), Draft EIR page II-55, fourth paragraph, a new last sentence is added:

... several locations. The creation or expansion of beaches or tidal habitat will be determined during the public general plan process for the CPSRA.

In response to this comment, Figure II-9 (Proposed Parks and Open Space) correctly reflects the proposed Bay Trail route.

In response to this comment, Draft EIR page III.P-2, last partial paragraph, a new third and fourth sentence are added:

... underutilized (totaling approximately 73 acres). <u>The CPSRA lands to the northeast of Yosemite</u> Slough include a now defunct auto salvage yard, old warehouse, and two business locations that are currently occupied by a sound studio and a cabinet shop. CDPR leases the buildings to these tenants on a month-to-month basis. The southern portions ...

In response to this comment, Draft EIR page III.P-27, seventh bullet, last sentence has been revised:

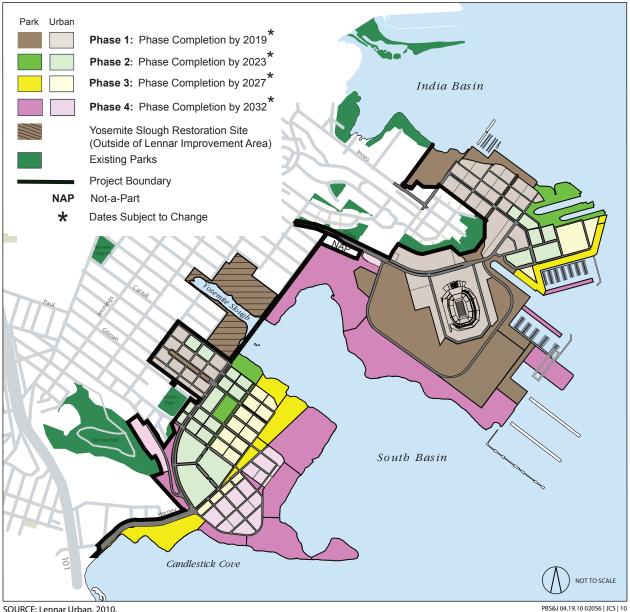
... environmental education. The 44.9-acre Grasslands Ecology Park at Parcel E and the 37.2-acre Grasslands Ecology Park at Parcel E-2 on HPS Phase II are contiguous to CPSRA-and may be offered to the CDPR by the Agency.

Response to Comment 86-6

In reference to comments pertaining to potential impacts of the Yosemite Slough bridge, refer to Master Response 3 (Impacts of the Project on Yosemite Slough [Biological Resources]) for a discussion of these potential effects, including the potential impacts of the bridge on migratory and resident birds that could use the restoration site.

Potential temporary impacts to avian species, including those species that would use the Yosemite Slough restoration site, are addressed in Impact BI-2 of the Draft EIR.

The commenter is correct in pointing out that a portion of the Yosemite Slough Bridge and approach road on HPS Phase II will impact upland and wetland habitats of the Yosemite Slough Restoration Project. Refer to Master Response 3 (Impacts of the Project on Yosemite Slough [Biological Resources]) for a discussion of the impacts to wetlands of the restoration project (only temporary impacts to new restored wetlands are expected to occur), and to the new Figure III.N-7 (also provided in Master



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Response 3) for a map showing the potential effects of the Yosemite Slough bridge on wetlands of the restoration site. Master Response 3 also provides a discussion of mitigation for these temporary impacts to new restored wetlands of the Yosemite Slough Restoration Project.

Comments indicating that California State Parks retains the final authority over any mitigation, habitat enhancements, and planting lists for activities within CPSRA are noted and the authority of California State Parks over such activities on its lands are acknowledged.

Similarly, the commenter suggests that text in Appendix N3 of the Draft EIR, the Draft Parks, Open Space, and Habitat Concept Plan, be revised to indicate that habitat and ecology parks shown on CPSRA are concepts only; that the SRA's general plan will make final decisions regarding use and management of the SRA; and that nesting boxes will not be used in the SRA. The Draft Parks, Open Space, and Habitat Concept Plan has not been finalized. The commenter's request to include language related to the fact that the habitat and ecology parks shown on CPSRA are proposed concepts only, as the SRA's general plan will make final decisions regarding use and management of the SRA, and that nesting boxes will be provided on HPS Phase II will be forwarded to the Project Applicant and the Lead Agencies for review and consideration.

The commenter suggests that the Draft Parks, Open Space, and Habitat Concept Plan be revised to state that California State Parks is not responsible for financing habitat enhancement measures that the EIR proposes within the CPSRA to mitigate the Project's impacts to natural resources. This Plan does not discuss habitat restoration for mitigation purposes or otherwise suggest that State Parks would be responsible for financing any habitat enhancement measures that are required as mitigation of the Project's impacts.

The commenter's suggestions that vegetation communities be more accurately described and that a consistent naming and classification system be used are noted. As stated on Draft EIR page III.N-5, second full paragraph:

... The vegetation communities are defined according to CDFG Wildlife and Habitat Data Analysis Branch List of California Terrestrial Natural Communities,⁶⁴⁷ H.T. Harvey & Associates' wetland delineation for HPS Phase II and Candlestick Point,⁶⁴⁸ and PBS&J's Biological Technical Report prepared for the Project.⁶⁴⁹

Thus, no single naming/classification system for these communities was used. In response to the comment concerning the correct citation for the CDFG's vegetation classification system, the following revisions have been made to the text and footnote in the first paragraph under the Vegetation Communities heading from page III.N-5 of the Draft EIR:

The vegetation communities are defined according to CDFG's Vegetation Classification and Mapping Program of the Biogeographic Data Branch-Wildlife and Habitat Data Analysis Branch List of California Terrestrial Natural Communities,⁶⁴⁷ H.T. Harvey & Associates' wetland delineation for HPS Phase II and Candlestick Point, and PBS&J's Biological Technical Report prepared for the Project.

⁶⁴⁷ California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), *The Vegetation Classification and Mapping Program: List of Terrestrial Natural Communities Recognized by the California Natural Diversity Database*, Wildlife and Habitat Data Analysis Branch, Sacramento, California, September 2003 edition.

Response to Comment 86-7

In response to the comment, the text in Section III.B (Land Use), beginning on page III.B-10, has been revised as follows:

The Facilities Element lists the following types of recreational uses for the park: trails (hiking, jogging, and bicycling), group picnic areas, family picnic areas, group campgrounds, fishing piers, wind surfing facilities, a sand beach, a quiet area in the southeastern point, scenic overlooks, and a cultural program center. Maritime facilities proposed in the CPSRA General Plan include a non-powered boat/wind surfing rental facility; a boating center for boat classes and education; a boat access facility that includes a four-lane launching ramp; a 200251-space parking area for car-boat trailers; a boat service station; and a ferry landing. A family dinner restaurant and family picnic rest stop are proposed for the Last Port area to the west of Hermit's Cove, off Harney Way.

The facilities and land uses called for in the current CPSRA General Plan have only been partly realized. Current uses in the park include hiking, limited bicycling, day use picnicking, group picnicking, jogging, nature viewing, three sand beaches, undeveloped windsurfing, two piers used by fishermen, and three restroom buildings. The park also includes a park staff/maintenance facility, 140275 parking spaces for the developed portion of the park and a community garden. However, substantial portions (73 acres) of the park remain undeveloped (refer to Section III.P [Recreation]). Of this, approximately 40 acres of the park are used for parking for football games and other events at Candlestick Park.

Mitigation measure MM TR-38 requires the stadium operators to develop and maintain a Transportation Demand Management Plan for the stadium. One required element of that plan, as indicated on page III.D-133 of the Draft EIR, is for the stadium operator to work with CPSRA to develop measures to ensure that game day spectators do not park in CPSRA day use parking lots.

Response to Comment 86-8

A more specific description of proposed, conceptual uses for CPSRA land is provided in Section III.P (Recreation). This section clarifies at pages III.P-6 and -7 that uses at CPSRA will be determined through the General Plan Amendment process.

In response to the comment, the text in Section III.B (Land Use and Plans), the fourth paragraph on page III.B-12, has been revised as follows:

Pursuant to SB 792, no CPSRA General Plan Amendment is required for the reconfiguration of the recreation area. However, before new facilities would be developed, a CPSRA General Plan Amendment would be required to reflect the boundary changes and the proposed new uses that would located on <u>park lands removed from the park-following the reconfiguration. The proposed improvements described in Draft EIR Section III.P (Recreation) will be reviewed as one a several alternatives for the development of CPSRA. ...</u>

The proposed reconfiguration of CPSRA includes proposed improvements to the park's facilities, which would reverse the impacts of current disrepair. As discussed in Impact RE-2, the improvements and provision of new parkland throughout the Project site will prevent deterioration of existing facilities.

The text on Draft EIR pages III.P-30 and -31 discusses the importance of concurrency between residential development and park improvement. Mitigation measure MM RE-2 ensures that park development will keep pace with residential development and that the Project site's parkland ratio will remain high enough to prevent overuse and deterioration of facilities.

The cited paragraph is intended to discuss parks outside the Project site. Thus, in response to the comment, the first paragraph, first sentence, Section III.P, page III.P-30, has been revised as follows:

Despite the availability of sufficient park acreage on the Project site, new residents or employees of the Project site may also choose to use existing nearby parks <u>outside of the Project site</u> (refer to the Setting section for discussion of nearby parks), which could result in the deterioration or degradation of those existing resources. ...

The comment regarding bicycle use of the Bay Trail is noted.

Section III.F (Shadows) discusses shadow effects on CPSRA on pages III.F-8, -10, -14, -18, -23, and -26 and in the accompanying figures. This discussion shows that new shadow on CPSRA would be limited. Almost all of the new shade created by the Project and falling on CPSRA would be experienced in afternoon periods in the winter months of November through January, when park use is likely to be reduced and cooler temperatures and shade are an accepted part of the winter environment. Shadow impact on CPSRA would be less than significant. Wind effects at CPSRA are discussed on page III.G-7. Mitigation measure MM W-1a would reduce any impacts to a less-than-significant level.

Response to Comment 86-9

Refer to Response to Comment 82-18 for a discussion of the ability of the community facilities district (CFD) or similar funding mechanism to fund improvements along the Candlestick Point shoreline that protect park facilities as well as other Project improvements.

Refer to Master Response 8 (Sea Level Rise) and Responses to Comments 36-2, 57-1, and 58-3 for a comprehensive discussion of the sea level rise documents reviewed, the levels of sea level rise taken into account for various Project components, and the plan to provide flood protection if higher levels of sea level rise occur. At the time of construction of the adaptive management measures to account for additional increases in sea level rise, approvals from regulatory agencies will be required and designs will be reviewed to ensure that to the maximum extent possible public views of the bay will be maintained.

With respect to responsibility of CPSRA for flood management within the Project area, the Draft EIR is referring to CPSRA's responsibility for the land under their jurisdiction within the Project area (Candlestick Point parks).

Response to Comment 86-10

The Draft EIR includes a project-level analysis that quantifies potential water quality impacts, identifies feasible mitigation measures, and is adequate for CEQA requirements. Best management practices for stormwater management, as described in mitigation measures MM HY-1a.1, MM HY-1a.2, and MM HY-6a.1, would be designed to benefit water quality and aquatic resources, which could provide benefit to the CPSRA. While the commenter requests that alternative stormwater management strategies are evaluated, the analysis contained in Section III.M (Hydrology and Water Quality) of the Draft EIR provides feasible mitigation measures to reduce all impacts to a less-than-significant level. No additional analysis of stormwater management techniques is required.

The commenter requests that California State Parks be provided the opportunity to review and approve the stormwater facilities to be located within the CPSRA, and it is acknowledged that CDPR would approve any improvements to CPSRA land. The details of that process would be set forth in the Park Reconfiguration Agreement between the Agency and CDPR.

Mitigation measure MM HY-6a.1, starting on page III.M-82 of the Draft EIR, requires the Project Applicant to prepare a Storm Water Control Plan (SCP) and a Stormwater Drainage Master Plan (SDMP). The treatment control best management practices identified in the SCP shall be designed in accordance with the SFPUC's San Francisco Stormwater Design Guidelines. Also in accordance with the San Francisco Stormwater Design Guidelines, the Project SCP shall incorporate to the extent feasible, low impact development principles that include site design and treatment control measures, which would treat runoff close to the source.

Appendix A (BMP Fact Sheets) of the San Francisco Stormwater Design Guidelines include the design criteria for treatment control BMPs, including how the BMPs should be designed to bypass flows in excess of the required design storm. The infrastructure design for the stormwater treatment bypass would be included in the SDMP. In response to the comment J.2, and to ensure that extreme flow events are managed by the BMPs, the text in mitigation measure MM HY-6a.1, starting on page III.M-83, has been revised as indicated above.

In response to the comment J.3, the text in mitigation measure MM HY-1a.2, starting on page III.M-61 of the Draft EIR, has been revised as follows (the following represents only the first paragraph of the mitigation measure, and the remaining part of the mitigation measure has not been changed):

MM HY-1a.2 Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan: Separate Storm Sewer System. Consistent with the requirements of the SWRCB General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbing Activities (Construction General Permit), the Project Applicant shall undertake the proposed Project in accordance with a project-specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) prepared by Qualified SWPPP Developer, who shall consult with California State Parks on those elements of the SWPPP that cover the Candlestick Park State Recreation Area, including selection of best management practices and other SWPPP improvements. The SFRWQCB, the primary agency responsible for protecting water quality within the project area, is responsible for reviewing and ensuring compliance with the SWPPP. This review is based on the Construction General Permit issued by the SWRCB.

As described in mitigation measure MM HY-6a.1, the Project Applicant shall submit a SCP in accordance with the San Francisco Stormwater Design Guidelines to the SFPUC for approval. The use of swales, wetlands, and other stormwater treatment measures to control pollutants to the maximum extent practicable to protect water quality satisfies the requirements of the San Francisco Stormwater Design Guidelines (described on pages III.M-47 through III.M-48), which satisfy the requirements of the Municipal Stormwater General Permit (described on pages III.M-37 through III.M-38). Implementation of mitigation measure MM HY-6a.1 would reduce the impacts to nearshore water quality in the Bay resulting from stormwater runoff to a less than significant level. Therefore, the Draft EIR is not required to examine other stormwater management approaches (including the feasibility of discharging runoff via outfalls extending offshore).

As shown in Table III.M-5, on page III.M-96, the change in Project flows from the existing stormwater runoff flows results from the Project impervious area being reduced from 72 percent in the existing condition to 54 percent for the Project condition. The flows in Table III.M-5 are discharges to the separate stormwater drainage system, except for flows from Candlestick Point, identified in parenthesis,

which represent existing stormwater flows to the combined sewer system. The decrease in the peak runoff rate at Candlestick Point of 228 CFS or 48% with Project implementation is not a function of whether the discharge is conveyed to the combined sewer or separate storm drain systems, but rather is due to the reduction in impervious area resulting from Project implementation. The effects of BMPs have not been accounted for because the Project SCP has not yet been developed.

In response to the comment, the title of Table III.M-5 (Estimated Existing and Project Stormwater Peak Flow Rates and Runoff Volumes Without BMPs), Draft EIR page III.M-96, has been revised as follows:

Table III.M-5 Estimated	Estimated Existing and Project Stormwater Peak Flow Rates and Runoff Volumes <u>Without BMPs</u> [Revised]			
Storm Event		Project (cfs) °	Project Increase ^a	
	Existing (cfs) b		(cfs)	(%)
Candlestick Point				
5-Year	477 (130) ^d	249 (0) ^d	-228	-48%
10-Year	545	284	-261	-48%
100-Year	783	408	-375	-48%
Hunters Point Shipyard ^e				
5-Year	644	448	-196	-30%
10-Year	730	509	-221	-30%
100-Year	1,052	733	-319	-30%
2-year 24-hour (acre-feet)				
Candlestick Point	36	20	-16	-44%
HPS Phase II	64	39	-24	-38%

SOURCE: PBS&J 2009

a. A negative number denotes a reduction in Project flow rates compared to existing conditions.

b. Existing flows are based on 72 percent impervious surfaces (505.3 acres).

c. Project flows are based on 54 percent impervious surfaces $\frac{9}{379.1}$ acres).

d. Values in parenthesis denote the amount of total Candlestick Point site runoff flowing to the combined sewer system.

e. Off-site flow from HPS Phase I is not included in these runoff calculations. Required HPS Phase I diversions into the HPS Phase II separate stormwater sewer system would be 108 cfs.

Also in response to the comment, the following sentence has been added to the first paragraph under Impact HY-10, Draft EIR page III.M-96:

... Because of the increase in permeable surface area, infiltration would be expected to increase, resulting in a corresponding decrease in runoff volumes. Grading would reduce slopes at both sites, slowing runoff rates. The runoff flow rates and volumes do not account for the effect of Project BMPs.

The City through SFPUC would assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of any stormwater drainage facilities that were primarily for the benefit of the larger development Project but out of necessity located within the CPSRA. This would be accomplished through a City utility easement. In response to the comment, the text in mitigation measure MM HY-6a.1, starting on page III.M-82, has been revised as indicated above.

Appendix M1 of the Draft EIR, page 10, paragraph 3 summarizes the data sources for pollutant concentrations in stormwater runoff that were used to estimate the change in annual pollutant loads resulting from the Project without the incorporation of BMPs for stormwater management

(Table III.M-3 on page III.M-81 of the Draft EIR, and Table III.M-4 on page III.M-87 of the Draft EIR).

The California State Park's recommendation to include a program to monitor trash and pollutants in stormwater prior to its discharge to the CPSRA will be forwarded to the decision makers for their consideration prior to approval or denial of the Project.

As stated on page III.Q-30 of the Draft EIR, with Project implementation, Candlestick Point would not contribute stormwater to the combined sewer system. Therefore, existing flows within the CPSRA would not be diverted to the combined sanitary sewer, but would discharge into a newly constructed separate stormwater drainage system. Stormwater runoff treatment requirements for the Project are described in mitigation measure MM HY-6a.1, starting on page III.M-82 of the Draft EIR. Stormwater runoff discharge locations would be provided in the SCP and SDMP, and preparation of these documents is discussed in mitigation measure MM HY-6a.1. As indicated above, the City through the SFPUC would assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of any stormwater drainage facilities located within the CPSRA that are primarily for the benefit of the larger development Project.

In response to the comment, the text on pages 2 to 3 (of 5) of Appendix Q3 of the Draft EIR has been revised as follows:

Currently, the CP site contributes sanitary sewage to the CSS via gravity sewers from three locations: the stadium, the Alice Griffith housing development, and the RV Park on-State Park grounds <u>Gilman Avenue</u>. The existing sanitary flows from these three sources are as follows:

- ..
- The existing sanitary flow from the State Park-RV Park is based on average monthly meter data for the period January, 2007 through September, 2009 provided by SFPUC (via email from Hayden Kam, September 30, 2009).

As stated above, CDPR would have the opportunity to review and comment on the components of the SCP and SDMP that would convey stormwater discharges into the CPSRA. The use of stormwater best management practices at Candlestick Point that rely on infiltration will be evaluated during development of the Project-specific Stormwater Control Plan (SCP). Mitigation measure MM HY-6a.1, as described starting on page III.M-82 of the Draft EIR, requires preparation of a Project-specific SCP.

Response to Comment 86-11

Figure 28 in the Transportation Study (Appendix D of the Draft EIR) illustrates the geographic distribution of Project-generated traffic and is not intended to describe vehicle access to the CPSRA parking lots. Draft EIR Chapter II (Project Description) includes information and figures regarding proposed access to the CPSRA: Figure II-11 (Proposed Street Network), Figure II-12 (Proposed Roadway Improvements), and Figure II-14 (Proposed Bicycle Routes). (Figure II-12 has been revised in Response to Comment 7-1 to clarify the two separate proposed projects at the new US-101 interchange and to eliminate Phase I and Phase II improvements.) As presented in the Chapter II, Draft EIR pages II-35 to II-39, Project transportation improvements would provide new roadway, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities that as illustrated in the figures would serve as access to the CPSRA. (Refer also to Transportation Study (Appendix D) Figure 4, which presents the proposed roadway improvements; Figure 7, which presents proposed transit improvements; Figure 8, which presents proposed bicycle and

bay trail improvements; and Figure 9, which presents proposed pedestrian improvements.) The Draft EIR does not identify specific access points for parking at the CPSRA. As described in Draft EIR Chapter II, page II-28; Section III.B (Land Use and Plans), pages III.B-10 to 12; and Section III.P (Recreation), page III.P-6 to 7, the CPSRA General Plan Amendment will provide a public process to evaluate past uses and determine future uses and facilities, including parking and other visitor access. The Project proposals that would provide new vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the CPSRA frontage would facilitate safe and convenient access to driveways and parking at CPSRA.

Way-finding signage and similar features to facilitate visitor access to CPSRA would be part of the CPSRA General Plan Amendment process and as well as the refinement of streetscape plans for the Project.

The Project would include new open space with direct access to the CPSRA, as noted on Draft EIR page II-30, and Figure II-9 (Proposed Parks and Open Space), showing that Bayview Gardens/Wedge Park, Mini-Wedge Park, and boulevard parks at Candlestick Point would lead directly to CPSRA.(Revised Figure II-9 is presented in Response to Comment 86-5.) Further, the proposed configuration of Harney Way, which would likely continue to provide access to CPSRA, would include a number of pedestrian amenities designed to improve shoreline access. The reconstruction would include two new signalized intersections, at Thomas Mellon Drive and Executive Park East. Each of these new signalized intersections would provide new crosswalks across Harney Way and allow controlled crossings for pedestrians. The reconstructed Harney Way has also been designed in two phases—the first being a narrower, interim phase, and the second being a slightly wider ultimate phase when traffic volumes warrant—such that pedestrian crossing distances remain as short as possible for as long as possible. Section III.D (Transportation and Circulation), Figure III.D-7 and Figure III.D-8 show both phases of Harney Way plans, with pedestrian and bicycle access to CPSRA on those segments of roadway. Figure III.D-12 (Project Parking Supply) also notes that general on-street parking would be available on parts of the CPSRA frontage.

Project features, including the Bay Trail and Yosemite Slough Bridge would provide access to shoreline open space from US-101 on the south to India Basin north of HPS. Other public open space, such as Bayview Park, is not directly accessible from candlestick point because of steep topography and lack of trails. Figure III.D-11 (Project Pedestrian Circulation Plan) illustrates a proposed improved trail to Bayview Park from outside the Project site at Key Avenue.

Overall, Project impacts to pedestrian and bicycle conditions were found to be less than significant and no mitigation measures, such as grade-separated access to CPSRA, would be required.

Refer to Response to Comment 47-38 through 47-40 for further discussion regarding the increase in roadway noise levels due to implementation of the Project and the potential impacts that such an increase would have on CPSRA users. As described in the responses, such increases in roadway noise levels would result in less-than-significant impacts to users of the CPSRA. With respect to local air quality impacts, refer to Draft EIR Section III.H (Air Quality); Section F (Draft EIR Revisions) of this Comments & Responses document for text changes related to air quality; Responses to Comments 47-42, 47-44, 82-2, and SFRA1-20; and Master Response 19 (Proposed BAAQMD Guidelines).

Response to Comment 86-12

The proposed bridge design includes pedestrian connections to the bridge from the Bay Trail around Yosemite Slough. South of Yosemite Slough, the Bay Trail would veer to the south of the edge of the slough by about 250 feet to the signalized intersection of Arelious Walker Drive and Carroll Avenue. Pedestrian- and bicycle-actuated signals and crosswalks would be provided at the intersection. A separate path would also be provided to connect with overlook decks on either side of the bridge, to the 12-foot wide Class I bicycle lane and 7-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of the bridge, and to the 40-foot wide bicycle/pedestrian pathway on the west side of the bridge. North of Yosemite Slough, the Bay Trail would veer to the south of the proposed Bay Trail alignment to a pedestrian- and bicycle-actuated crossing of Yosemite Slough Bridge about 150 feet north of the slough. The crossing would also connect with the Class I bicycle path and the sidewalk that would be provided on the east side of the Yosemite Slough Bridge and to the 40-foot-wide bicycle/pedestrian pathway.

The bridge has been designed to facilitate passage of non-motorized recreational vessels, such as canoes and kayaks. The clearance at the middle of the span would be over 18 feet at mean tide levels, which would be adequate for this type of use. During 100-year flood events, the clearance would decrease to just under 13 feet.

Accounting for projected sea-level rise of 36 inches for the Project development, the clearance would decrease by 36 inches, but would remain over 15 feet at mean tide levels and over 10 feet during 100-year flood events. This would be adequate for kayaks, canoes, and other non-motorized "paddle craft." Further, in a July 27, 2009 letter from the U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) to the City,¹²³ the Coast Guard indicated that no bridge permit would be required because the bridge design would allow the existing use (or potential use) of the slough by vessels up to the size of small motorboats.

Additional graphics have been included (refer to Section F [Draft EIR Revisions] of this document) to provide further clarification regarding the views from the Yosemite Slough. The bridge will include pedestrian/bicycle paths on both sides to provide viewing opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Refer to Master Response 3 (Impacts of the Project on Yosemite Slough [Biological Resources]) for discussion of the bridge's impacts to biological resources. Refer to Master Response 3 and Responses to Comments 47-41 for a discussion of vibration from bridge construction and traffic on the slough. Refer to Master Response 4 (Purpose and Benefits of Yosemite Slough Bridge) for discussion of the negative consequences of routing the BRT around Yosemite Slough.

In response to the comment suggesting that effects of coffer dams be mitigated, text has been added to mitigation measure MM BI-4a.2 on page III.N-63 of the Draft EIR to indicate how temporarily impacted wetlands and other jurisdictional waters should be restored following construction. Refer to Master Response 3 for this text change.

The comment is acknowledged. The aesthetic issues of bridge colors, materials and surfacing have not been defined to date. The bridge abutments could utilize any number of surfacing material and colors. If

¹²³ Letter from the U.S. Coast Guard to Peg Devine, Department of Public Works, City and County of San Francisco. July 27, 2009.

they are concrete, integral coloring or aggregate could be used to match or complement the existing site's rock/soil color. It may be preferable to use a light-colored surface under the bridge where the Bay Trail passes underneath to make the undercrossing lighter and more inviting. This will be determined as bridge plans are finalized.

If, as Project plans are finalized, any temporary access roads or contractor laydown areas differ from those depicted in the Draft EIR; additional environmental documentation may be required.

Response to Comment 86-13

Growth-inducing impacts were fully evaluated on pages V-10 through V-14 of the Draft EIR. Pages V-10 through V-11 of the Draft EIR state that:

Growth can be induced in a number of ways, including the elimination of obstacles to growth or through the stimulation of economic activity within the region. The discussion of removal of obstacles to growth relates directly to the removal of infrastructure limitations or regulatory constraints that could result in growth unforeseen at the time of Project approval.

In general, a project may foster spatial, economic, or population growth in a geographic area if it meets any one of the criteria identified below:

- The project establishes a precedent-setting action (e.g., a change in zoning or general plan amendment approval)
- The project results in the urbanization of land in a remote location (leapfrog development)
- The project removes an impediment to growth (e.g., the establishment of an essential public service, or the provision of new access to an area)
- Economic expansion or growth occurs in an area in response to the project (e.g., changes in revenue base, employment expansion, etc.)

If a project meets any one of these criteria, it may be considered growth inducing. Generally, growth-inducing projects: (1) are located in isolated, undeveloped, or underdeveloped areas, necessitating the extension of major infrastructure, such as sewer and water facilities or roadways; or (2) encourage premature or unplanned growth.

With respect to growth related to the CP-HPS Project, it would most likely occur as a result of economic growth, and page V-14 of the Draft EIR concludes the following:

Therefore, the positive revenue stream and the resulting increased economic viability of the Project site could result in indirect growth-inducing impacts.

However, the Project would implement a number of smart-growth principles, including:

- Mixed uses that promote living and working in the same area to limit vehicle miles traveled
- Uses oriented around existing and proposed transit to discourage use of the personal vehicle
- Transit connectivity so other City residents can take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Project
- Pedestrian and bicycle pathways to encourage these alternative methods of transportation
- Bicycle racks and pedestrian seating in prominent locations to encourage walking and cycling activities
- A mix of recreational uses to provide for the recreational needs of the community

Implementation of these features would limit indirect growth-inducing impacts by providing all necessary services within one development. Provision of most, if not all, needed services and amenities within the Project would reduce the need to develop such uses elsewhere in the City.

Further, the City and Agency have a planning and entitlement process for all development projects to ensure that environmental impacts are addressed, including impacts related to access, views, visual quality, and water quality. This process would apply to any future development projects in the vicinity of the Yosemite Slough, and the agency would continue to work with the California State Parks if any future development would potentially impact the CPSRA. Any future development in the vicinity of the Yosemite Slough would also be required to analyze that development's consistency with the City's plans and policies, including but not limited to the City of San Francisco's General Plan and the BVHP Area Plan which provide for protection and consideration of impacts to the CPSRA from future development. Further as the Draft EIR includes a cumulative analysis of all impact areas, the combination of the Project with all reasonably foreseeable development has also been addressed in Chapter III (Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures) under each issue area.

Response to Comment 86-14

Chapter III.C.1, page III.C-4, paragraph 3, does not contain the language to which the commenter refers (Chapter III.C relates to population, employment, and housing).

However, Chapter III.P, beginning at page III.P-2 under "CPSRA," contains the following language, which has been changed as follows:

CPSRA (120.2 acres), on the shoreline of Candlestick Point, was acquired ... underutilized (totaling approximately 73 acres). The CPSRA lands to the northeast of Yosemite Slough include a now defunct auto salvage yard, old warehouse, and two business locations that are currently occupied by a sound studio and a cabinet shop. CDPR leases the buildings to these tenants on a month-to-month basis. The southern portions ... Until recently, the Last Rubble area was characterized by large piles of rubble and debris, remnants of the site's previous use as a dumping ground. <u>California State Parks, with a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board completed a rubble and debris removal project in April 2009</u>. As a result of this, the majority of the rubble and debris was either removed or crushed on site. Yosemite Slough is part of the CPSRA, but is not within the Project site except for at its neck, where the proposed bridge would be constructed.

Response to Comment 86-15

As shown on Figure II-10 (Proposed CPSRA Reconfiguration), Draft EIR page II-29; Figure III.P-3 (Proposed CPSRA Reconfiguration), page III.P-18; and Figure III.P-8 (Aerial View of CPSRA within the Project Site [Excluding the Yosemite Slough]), page III.P-24, the change in CPSRA boundary on the north side of Yosemite Slough required to accommodate the proposed bridge would be very small, removing approximately 0.8 acre from the park. Any such reconfiguration would "substantially conform" to the diagram included in Senate Bill 792 (SB 792), as required by Section 26(a)(4) of the statute. The Project is, therefore, consistent with SB 792. The precise locations of the future boundaries of CPSRA and the proposed bridge have not yet been determined. The Agency and the City look forward to working with the California Department of Parks and Recreation in developing the details of the reconfiguration.

Figure II-8 and Figure III.P-3 have been revised and presented in Response to Comment 50-23 to correct the legend and clarify the park boundaries around the stadium site.

Response to Comment 86-16

In response to the comment, the second sentence of the first paragraph under Table II-7, Draft EIR page II-28, is revised as follows:

... Prior to construction of park improvements, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) must undertake a community public planning process and complete an update to the general plan.

In response to the comment, the second sentence in the first paragraph under the Ecological Enhancement of Parks and Open Space Areas heading on page II-33 is revised as follows:

... The following ecological enhancement measure would be implemented in open space areas outside the CPSRA. At the CPSRA, ecological enhancements would be identified during the CDPR community public planning process and CPSRA general plan update described above and could include the enlisted measures or other measures ...

Response to Comment 86-17

The comment cites the Draft EIR discussion on page III.J-21 on historic resources at Candlestick Point. Page III.J-21 refers only to historic architectural resources, not archaeological resources, including maritime remains, as discussed below.

Section III.J, page III.J-20, notes the potential for buried ship resources at the Project site, including at Candlestick Point:

Buried ship resources may include shipwrecks, abandoned hulks, and ships that were converted into residences during the 1930s. Numerous ships have been found buried in San Francisco, most of which were buried as the city's shoreline was extended during land filling operations. A search of the California State Lands Commission's online shipwreck database revealed six ships that wrecked in or in close proximity to Hunters Point. Fragments of these wrecks and their cargo may have washed ashore or used as landfill and may be buried within the Project site as the shoreline was filled in. Few shipwrecks that date to the nineteenth century have been archaeologically studied and documented. Most of the studies have involved only the portion of the wreck that was encountered or the bottom of the hulls. Documentation of complete vessels is extremely rare. Although these deposits may not be complete specimens or in their original location, remains of shipwrecks, abandoned hulks, and ship cargo may be able to answer important research questions relating to maritime trade, ship wrecks, abandonment, or reuse of the wreck.²⁴⁹

Waterfront infrastructure resources may include wharves, retaining walls, driven piles, shipbreaking yards, and hardware related to the construction of these resources.

Any sites that contain onshore or offshore maritime archaeological deposits that have the potential to adequately address research questions such as those presented in the Archaeological Research Design and Treatment Plan for the Project²⁵⁰ would be considered significant archaeological resources.

Impact CP-2a (Impact at Candlestick Point on Archaeological Resources), Draft EIR page III.J-36, also recognizes the potential for effects on maritime resources:

Impact CP-2a Construction at Candlestick Point would not result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of archaeological resources,

including prehistoric Native American, Chinese fishing camp, and *maritime-related archaeological remains* [emphasis added]. (Less than Significant with Mitigation) [Criterion J.b]

The Archaeological Research Design and Treatment Plan for the Project noted in the Draft EIR as part of the mitigation measure would ensure appropriate treatment for any discovered maritime remains at Candlestick Point.

Response to Comment 86-18

The sentence on page III.K-91 noted by the commenter refers to existing natural conditions that reduce the severity of potential impacts on the environment. Further down on the same page in the discussion specifically regarding dust control, the Draft EIR states:

... natural environmental conditions would also be a factor in minimizing the potential for contaminated dusts to adversely affect ecological systems. Avian species could be exposed to windblown dust through inhalation and ingestion during preening and prey consumption. Although various avian species use Candlestick Point for nesting and foraging, the mobility of the bird species results in their use of a relatively large home range and foraging range. Due to this mobility, avian species would not be present in one foraging area for an extended period of time in which they could receive substantial exposure to contaminants in dust. ...

Refer to pages III.K-91 through III.K-92 for further discussion of this and similar examples.

Response to Comment 86-19

The City is interested in exploring opportunities for coordination between the Police Department and CPSRA law enforcement personnel. Similarly, neither the City nor the developer intends to ask State Parks personnel to provide security for construction sites or law enforcement services outside of CPSRA. Specific law enforcement policies are, however, outside the scope of environmental review.

CEQA requires analysis of whether increased demand for law enforcement services would result in the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts. Refer to Draft EIR pages III.O-8 through -12 for discussion of impacts related to police services. Thus, particular law enforcement policies are not relevant to the content of the EIR. Moreover, while the Project and the proposed improvement of CPSRA may increase demand for State Park law enforcement services, any new personnel would be housed in the facilities proposed to be constructed as part of the park improvements. Impact RE-1 discusses the environmental effects of constructing such facilities, and concludes that such impacts would be less than significant.

Response to Comment 86-20

Refer to Response to Comment 47-63 for a discussion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Response to Comment 86-21

In response to the comment, the text in Section III.P, page III.P-32, has been revised as follows:

...Moreover, the agreement between CDPR and the City or the Agency, providing for the reconfiguration of CPSRA, would also provide at least \$10 million in substantial funding for

operation and maintenance of the park. The precise amount of operations and maintenance funding to be provided has not yet been determined, but per the requirements of SB 792, it is likely to be at least \$10 million. This funding will further enableing the park to accommodate increased demand.

Response to Comment 86-22

The Draft Parks, Open Space, and Habitat Concept Plan has not been finalized. The commenter's request to include language related to providing opportunities for interpretation and for people to explore nature, learn about global climate change, and acquire environmental literacy will be forwarded to the Project Applicant and the Lead Agencies for review and consideration.

Response to Comment 86-23

The Draft Parks, Open Space, and Habitat Concept Plan has not been finalized. The commenter's request to include language related to providing for discovery and personal connection with the natural and cultural resources and to achieve environmental literacy will be forwarded to the Project Applicant and the Lead Agencies for review and consideration.

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