



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Notice of Availability of and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: November 20, 2014
Case No.: 2014.0956E
Project Title: **Little Yosemite Fish Passage Project**
Unincorporated Alameda County
Zoning: Parklands
Block/Lot: Not Applicable – in an undeveloped area
Lot Size: Not Applicable – in an undeveloped area
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the environmental review document concerning the proposed project as described below. The document is a preliminary mitigated negative declaration (PMND), containing information about the possible environmental effects of the proposed project. The PMND documents the determination of the Planning Department that the proposed project could not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Preparation of a mitigated negative declaration does not indicate a decision by the City to carry out or not to carry out the proposed project.

Project Description: The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing the Little Yosemite Fish Passage Project to improve upstream passage conditions for adult anadromous steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) along a 0.4-mile long reach of Alameda Creek referred to as Little Yosemite. Proposed improvements would be constructed in accordance with the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service for the Calaveras Dam Replacement Project. They include constructing concrete weirs shaped like natural boulders or bedrock in three strategically located water features. Select boulders would also be cut or removed and some holes, or slots through large boulders, may be filled with concrete to stabilize landing pools at the tops of waterfalls along the fish migration path. The project site is located off of Camp Ohlone Road in unincorporated Alameda County, approximately 2.6 miles downstream of the Alameda Creek Diversion Dam and the Alameda Creek Diversion Tunnel. The Little Yosemite area is located in the Sunol Regional Wilderness on property owned by the City and County of San Francisco that is leased to East Bay Regional Park District. Construction of the proposed project would begin in April 2016 and would take approximately 4 months. Construction activities would generally occur Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The PMND is available to view or download from the Planning Department's SFPUC Negative Declarations and EIRs web page (<http://www.sf-planning.org/puccases>). Paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the ground floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco.

If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, contact the Planning Department staff contact listed above.

Within 30 calendar days following publication of the PMND (i.e., by 5:00 p.m. on **December 22, 2014**), any person may:

- 1) Review the PMND as an informational item and take no action;
- 2) Make recommendations for amending the text of the document. The text of the PMND may be amended to clarify or correct statements and may be expanded to include additional relevant issues or to cover issues in greater depth. This may be done **without** the appeal described below; **OR**
- 3) Appeal the determination of no significant effect on the environment to the Planning Commission in a letter which specifies the grounds for such appeal, accompanied by a \$521 check payable to the San Francisco Planning Department.¹ An appeal requires the Planning Commission to determine whether or not an Environmental Impact Report must be prepared based upon whether or not the proposed project could cause a substantial adverse change in the environment. Send the appeal letter to the Planning Department, Attention: Sarah B. Jones, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. **The letter must be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$521.00 payable to the San Francisco Planning Department, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2014.** The appeal letter and check may also be presented in person at the PIC counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco.

In the absence of an appeal, the mitigated negative declaration shall be made final, subject to necessary modifications, after 30 days from the date of publication of the PMND.

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.

¹ Upon review by the Planning Department, the appeal fee may be reimbursed for neighborhood organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of 24 months.