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To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Parties

RE: CASE NO. 2006.1505E – HABITAT RESERVE PROGRAM
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

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A Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an environmental impact report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Notice of Public Scoping Meeting for the above referenced project, described below, has been issued by the San Francisco Planning Department. The NOP and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting is either attached or is available upon request from Chris Kern, whom you may reach at (415) 575-9037, voice; (415) 558-6409, fax; chris.kern@sfgov.org; or by mail at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103-2479. The combined NOP/Notice of Public Scoping Meeting is also available online at:

http://www.sfgov.org/site/planning/mea

Project Description: The proposed Habitat Reserve Program would provide a coordinated and consolidated approach to compensate for habitat impacts that would result from implementation of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) in the San Joaquin Valley, Sunol Valley, Bay Division, and Peninsula regions of the SFPUC water system. The HRP would include preserving, enhancing, restoring, or creating approximately:

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• 30 acres of sycamore alluvial woodland
• 45 acres of arroyo willow riparian habitat
• 50 acres of oak woodland and savannah
• 55 acres of oak riparian forest
• 70 acres of sage scrub habitat
• 75 acres of serpentine grasslands
• 90 acres of coastal live oak woodland
• 115 acres of freshwater marsh/seasonal wetland habitat
• 870 acres of annual grasslands

Although it is not yet known with certainty, it is assumed that the proposed habitat acreages would be more than enough to compensate for WSIP project impacts. In all, approximately 1,400 acres of habitat would be preserved, enhanced, restored, or created, including approximately 24,000 linear feet of stream habitat, to maximize the benefits to affected species by restoring ecological functions and values on a broad scale.

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The San Francisco Planning Department's Major Environmental Analysis Division (MEA) is preparing an EIR for consideration by decision makers prior to a final decision by the SFPUC regarding whether to approve and implement the project. The EIR on the HRP will serve as both a project-level EIR and a program-level EIR. The purpose of the EIR is to provide information about potentially significant adverse environmental effects of the proposed project, to identify possible ways to minimize those potentially significant adverse effects, and to describe and evaluate feasible alternatives to the proposed project. Preparation of an NOP or EIR does not indicate a decision by the City to approve or to disapprove the proposed project. However, prior to making any such decision, the decision makers must review and consider the information contained in the EIR.

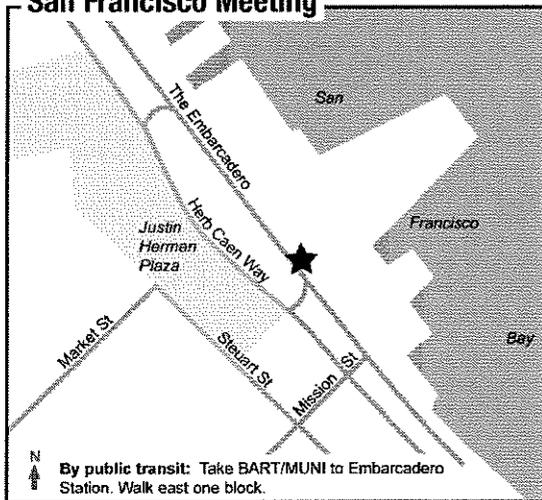
If you work for an agency that is a Responsible or Trustee Agency, we need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering a permit or other approval for this project. We will also need the name of the contact person for your agency. If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project under CEQA, please contact Chris Kern at (415) 575-9037.

The San Francisco Planning Department will hold four PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS at the location, date, and time listed below. The purpose of these meetings will be to receive oral comments that will assist the San Francisco Planning Department in reviewing the scope and focus of the Habitat Reserve Program's environmental impact analysis and information to be contained in the EIR. The public will have the opportunity to comment and offer testimony for consideration. The San Francisco Planning Department will also accept written comments at the meetings or by mail, email, or fax until the close of business on August 29, 2007. Written comments should be sent to the San Francisco Planning Department, Attn: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer, Habitat Reserve Program, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103-2479, by fax to (415) 558-6409, or sent by email to chris.kern@sfgov.org.

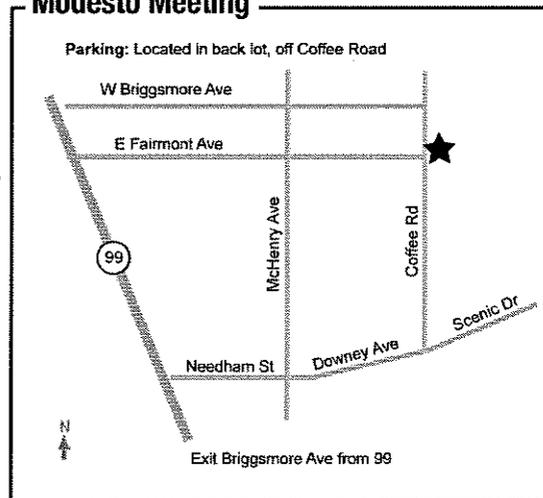
Scoping Meetings

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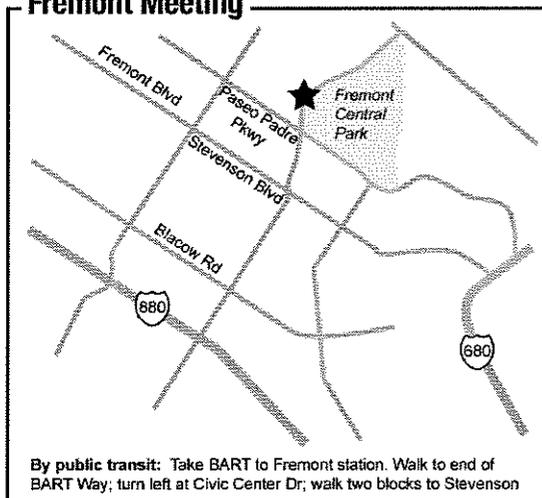
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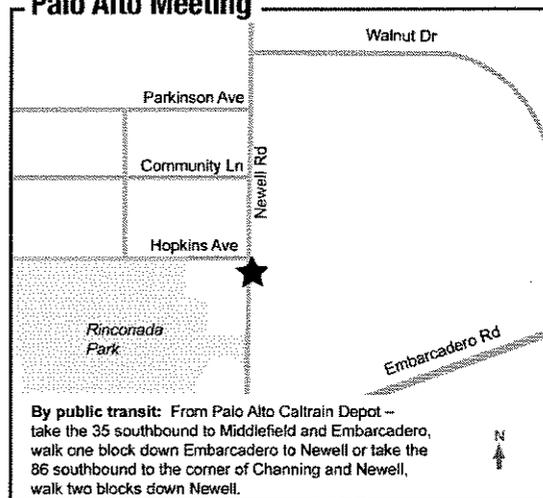
Modesto Meeting



Fremont Meeting



Palo Alto Meeting



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Date of this Notice:	July 27, 2007	
Lead Agency:	San Francisco Planning Department Major Environmental Analysis Division 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103-2479	
Agency Contact Person:	Chris Kern	Telephone: (415) 575-9037
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Project Title:	Habitat Reserve Program	
Project Sponsor:	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission 1145 Market Street, Suite 500 San Francisco, CA 94103	
Contact Person:	Greg Lyman	Telephone: (415) 554-1601
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Project Location:	Various	
Assessor's Block and Lot:	Various	
Counties:	Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties	

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Please see the attached description for more information about the proposed Habitat Reserve Program, the scope of the EIR, and the anticipated environmental issues.

THIS PROJECT MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IS REQUIRED. This determination is based upon the criteria of the Guidelines of the State Secretary for Resources, Sections 15063 (Initial Study), 15064 (Determining Significant Effect), and 15065 (Mandatory Findings of Significance).

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