

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
STRATEGY TO ADVANCE FLOOD PROTECTION, ECOSYSTEMS, AND RECREATION ALONG SAN
FRANCISCO BAY PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been completed for the proposed Strategy to Advance Flood Protection, Ecosystems, and Recreation along San Francisco Bay Project (SAFER Bay Project or Project). The Draft EIR can be accessed online at <https://www.sfcjpa.org/the-safer-bay-project>. The document is also available at the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) office at 750 Menlo Avenue Suite 250, Menlo Park, California 94025 and available for public review between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Paper copies of the Draft EIR are also available for review at East Palo Alto Library (2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto) and Belle Haven Library (100 Terminal Avenue, Menlo Park).

Project Description: The SAFER Bay Project site is located west of San Francisco Bay along approximately 7 miles of shoreline from O'Connor Street in East Palo Alto at San Francisquito Creek to Redwood City near the Menlo Park city boundary to the northwest (refer to **Figure 1**). The overall purpose of the Project is to reduce risks to people, property, and infrastructure from current tidal flooding and projected sea level rise through engineered and natural features that enhance shoreline ecosystems and improve recreational opportunities. The Project includes construction of shoreline protection features, recreation features, and habitat improvements and would be implemented in phases within eight reaches. Construction of the Project would be implemented by member agencies who would determine the ultimate construction schedule.

Environmental Resources and Impacts: The Draft EIR finds that the Project would result in potentially significant environmental impacts related to aesthetic resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise and vibration, and transportation, and recommends the implementation of feasible mitigation measures to avoid or reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level. The Draft EIR also determines that Project implementation would have significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetic resources (related to visual character or the quality of public views) and noise (related to exceedance of noise standards during Project construction) even with implementation of mitigation measures. As indicated in the Draft EIR (Section 3.10, Hazards, Hazardous Materials, and Wildfire) Project construction would occur adjacent to or intersect with multiple sites that are included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. As discussed in detail in Impact HAZ-3, Mitigation Measures HAZ-1 (Health and Safety Plan), HYD-2 (Soil Management Plan), and HYD-1b (Groundwater Handling Requirements) would be implemented in addition to existing site-specific adopted plans to protect human health and the environment from potential impacts related to the exposure to hazardous materials.

Public Comment Period: NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the public comment period for the Draft EIR commences on December 1, 2025. Comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted until the close of the public comment period at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026. Comments can be submitted:

- Via email: tbyler@sfcjpa.org
- Via the form on the Project's website (www.sfcjpa.org/the-safer-bay-project)
- In person at the public meetings described below
- Via mail, postmarked on or before January 23, 2026 to:

**San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
ATTN: Tess Byer, Senior Project Manager
750 Menlo Avenue, Suite 250
Menlo Park, California 94025**

To ensure that agencies and members of the public have an opportunity to ask questions and submit comments related to the Draft EIR, three public meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
In-person in East Palo Alto	Monday, December 15, 2025	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	East Palo Alto Government Center Council Chamber (1 st Floor) at 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303
In person in Menlo Park	Wednesday, December 17, 2025	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Menlo Park City Hall, City Council Chambers at 701 Laurel St. Menlo Park, CA 94025
Regularly scheduled SFCJPA Board Meeting (in-person and online) as a Public Hearing to discuss the SAFER Bay Project and Draft EIR and accept public comments on the Draft EIR	Thursday, December 18, 2025	3:30 to 5:00 p.m.	<i>In-person:</i> Menlo Park City Hall, City Council Chambers at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park CA 94025 <i>Online (participations must register to join the meeting):</i> https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eAVko6C-Q7qfQuBHBn5grg



Figure 1, Project Location and Components