

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry

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Project Location: City of Berkeley, Alameda County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Berkeley Pier was closed in July 2015 due to visually observed structural problems on the underside of the concrete decking and pilings. The proposed project aims to revitalize the Berkeley Waterfront by developing new dual-purpose pier and ancillary uses that support both public recreation and zero-emission public ferry service. The project would include the following components: demolition of portions of the closed pier, new public pier, new breakwater that provides pedestrian access and recreational amenities, recreational amenities, ferry infrastructure, dredging, new public plaza, improvements to University Avenue and Seawall Drive, a portion of the planned Bay Trail Extension, new landscaping, new wayfinding signage, utility connections, and operation of zero-emission electric passenger ferry service.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

See attached page.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

During the EIR scoping process, members of the public identified concerns related to the potential for the proposed project to affect parking availability for recreationalists. Chapter 3, Environmental Impact Analysis (see Secondary Impacts subsection) of the Draft EIR identifies the approach for addressing parking impacts under CEQA for the proposed project. Public responses to the Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR as well as public input received at the EIR scoping meeting held by the City are summarized in Chapter 1, Introduction, of the Draft EIR.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, WETA/SF Bay Ferry, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and California State Lands Commission are responsible agencies under CEQA for the proposed project.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and California State Lands Commission are trustee agencies for the proposed project.

The project would result in potentially significant effects to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources (archaeological resources), geology and soils (paleontological resources), hydrology and water quality, land use and planning (due to construction noise that would exceed thresholds established in the Berkeley Municipal Code), noise (construction noise), recreation (due to construction noise from the construction of recreational facilities), tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems (due to construction impacts related to utility connections). The project would be required to implement the following mitigation measures:

- AES-1: Reduce Night Lighting During Construction of Facilities
- AQ-1: Implement Construction Emissions Reduction Measures During Construction
- BIO-1(a): Implement Worker Environmental Awareness Program Prior to and During Construction
- BIO-1(b): Conduct Northwestern Pond Turtle Survey and Avoidance Prior to Construction
- BIO-1(c): Conduct Nesting Bird Survey and Avoidance Prior to Construction
- BIO-1(d): Conduct Pile Driving Impact Avoidance to Fish and Marine Mammals Prior to and During Construction
- BIO-1(e): Prepare Marine Mammal Monitoring Plan Prior to Construction and Implement Recommendations During Construction
- BIO-2: Implement Invasive Species Prevention During Construction
- BIO-3: Provide Compensatory Mitigation for Loss of Jurisdictional Waters Prior to Operation
- CR-1: Stop Work And Prepare And Implement A Data Recovery Plan If Unanticipated Archaeological Resources Are Encountered During Construction
- GEO-1: Implement Paleontological Worker Environmental Awareness Program During Construction
- GEO-2: Stop Work Upon Unanticipated Discovery of Paleontological Resources and Implement Recommendations During Construction
- HYD-1: Include and Implement Additional Best Management Practices in the SWPPP Prior to and During Pier Demolition
- NOI-1: Prepare and Implement Construction Noise Management Plan Prior to and During Construction
- TCR-1: Conduct Cultural Resources Sensitivity Training Prior to Construction
- TCR-2: Provide Signage Acknowledging Native American History Prior to Operation
- TCR-3: Conduct Native American Monitoring During Construction
- TCR-4: Evaluate Discovered Tribal Cultural Resources and Implement Resulting Recommendations During Construction
- TCR-5: Provide Respectful Treatment of Native American Human Remains Upon Unanticipated Discovery and Implement Recommendations During Construction

Implementation of these mitigation measures would reduce impacts to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources (archaeological resources), geology and soils (paleontological resources), hydrology and water quality, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems to less than significant levels. Impacts to noise, from construction-related noise would be significant and unavoidable even with implementation of these mitigation measures. Impacts to land use and planning and recreation would be significant and unavoidable even with implementation of these mitigation measures, due to construction-related noise impacts that would conflict with the Berkeley Municipal Code, and that would occur from the construction of recreational facilities.