
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: July 3, 2025

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **East Bay Regional Parks District – Richmond Gap Closure (San Francisco Bay Trail Point Pinole to Wilson Point)**

East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed East Bay Regional Parks District – San Francisco Bay Trail Richmond Gap Closure - Point Pinole to Wilson Point (proposed Project). EBRPD has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The project site consists of a linear trail alignment that begins approximately 1 mile east of where Atlas Road enters Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and connects to Point Wilson at the Pinole Shores Park, approximately 3,300 feet west of Pinole Shores Drive. The project alignment is adjacent to and within the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right of way. The railroad is immediately adjacent to the San Pablo Bay shoreline, with the Bay to the north. The project site is bordered by Richmond to the west and southwest and Pinole to the east.

Project Description: The East Bay Regional Park District (District) proposes to open approximately 1 mile of the San Francisco Bay Trail (Bay Trail) along the San Pablo Bay shoreline and UPRR right-of-way between the eastern boundary of Point Pinole Regional Shoreline to Point Wilson at the Pinole Shores Park in Contra Costa County, California (project). The Bay Trail is a planned and partially completed 500-mile multi-use trail connecting the shorelines of all nine San Francisco Bay Area counties and encircling San Pablo and San Francisco bays. More than 350 miles of the trail are currently completed and open for public use. The proposed project would close a gap between existing segments of the Bay Trail in the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and Point Wilson at the Pinole Shores Park.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, EBRPD acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the Project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

IS/MND Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period for the Draft IS/MND will extend for 30 days starting July 7, 2025 to August 6, 2025. The Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

<https://www.ebparks.org/projects/richmond-bay-trail-gap-closure>

Comments/Questions: Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

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