

Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Viewcrest Estates

CEQA Document: Notice of Availability for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

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Project Location (City and County): Oakland, Alameda County

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

The proposed project would develop approximately 2.6 acres of a currently undeveloped 20-acre parcel in the eastern hills of Oakland into a cluster of single-family homes, with associated landscaping and new residential street. The remainder of the property, approximately 17.4 acres, would be provided, and maintained in perpetuity by developer and/or their successor entity, as conservation open space.

Following approval by the City of Oakland, the proposed project would clear existing vegetation from the proposed development area and grade the site for construction of a new cul-de-sac and 10 detached single-family homes. The new residential street would be a cul-de-sac coming off of Campus Drive between the existing residential streets of Viewcrest Drive and Rockingham Court.

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

The Draft EIR analyzed the following environmental issue areas, based on CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, Environmental Checklist Form and City of Oakland requirements: Aesthetics, Shadow and Wind; Air Quality and Community Risk and Hazards; Biological Resources; Cultural and Tribal Resources; Energy; Geology and Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Global Climate Change; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise and Vibration; Population and Housing; Public Services; Recreation; Transportation; Utilities; and Wildfire. There are no significant and unavoidable impacts. There are mitigation measures for biological resources to preserve the 17.4-acre open space, minimize fire risk, and avoid inadvertent take of Oakland Star Tulip, special-status bats, dusky-footed woodrats, and Alameda Whipsnake; hydrology and water quality include BMPs for construction hazardous materials and construction actions to minimize impacts on the creek; and noise where a static roller is required in lieu of a vibratory roller.

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

Comments received during the scoping period focused on the following environmental issues:

- Air quality and noise impacts during construction
- Geologic hazards related to landslides and slope instability
- Wildlife and habitat impacts from tree removal and development
- Hydrology concern related to runoff and flooding
- Aesthetics and view blockage from new houses and retaining wall
- Increase in traffic to area and resulting greenhouse gas emissions
- Capacity of water and wastewater systems
- Shadows and privacy on downslope neighbors
- Sulfur mine hazard
- Wildfire hazards and emergency evacuation routes

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

- Air Resources Board
- California Highway Patrol
- Caltrans District #4
- Caltrans Planning
- Fish & Game Region #3
- Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Regional WQCB #2
- State Lands Commission
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- Toxic Substances Control, Department of
- Water Resources, Department of
- State Geologist