



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
for the Monte Vista Memorial Gardens Project
Alameda County Planning Application PLN2017-00194**

TO: State Clearinghouse, State Responsible Agencies, State Trustee Agencies, Other Public Agencies, and Interested Organizations and Parties.

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Monte Vista Memorial Gardens Project in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087.

SUMMARY: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Alameda County Planning Department (County), as lead agency for the Project, has completed a Draft EIR in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed project that is the subject of the Draft EIR is the construction and operation of Monte Vista Memorial Gardens (MVMG or the “Project”) a proposed memorial park project that would include a funeral home, interment (burial) areas and associated services, including a crematorium and mortuary.

The purpose of this notice is to (1) serve the public Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft EIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, and (2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft EIR for a 45-day period, commencing on January 13, 2022 and ending at 4:30 PM on February 28, 2022, after which a final EIR will be prepared containing comments and responses to comments that, together with the Draft EIR, will form the final EIR. The final EIR will be used by the Alameda County Planning Commission in its consideration of approval of the proposed Monte Vista Memorial Gardens Project.

PROJECT TITLE: Monte Vista Memorial Gardens Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project would be developed at 3656 Las Colinas Road, Livermore, CA in unincorporated Alameda County. Development of the Project would occur on approximately 47 acres in the southern portion of the ±104-acre parcel (Assessor’s Parcel Number 099-0015-016-03) just north of the City of Livermore between the North Livermore Avenue and North First Street exits.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monte Vista Memorial Gardens (MVMG or the “Project”) is a proposed memorial park project that would include a funeral home, interment (burial) areas and associated services, including a crematorium and mortuary. MVMG would provide memorial services for the Tri-Valley region where there are over 1,200 deaths per year with about 750 cremations and 300 burials done locally. The mission of the MVMG is to provide services for the final needs of present and future Tri-Valley residents. MVMG would be the first cemetery developed in Alameda County in over 110 years and would accommodate the needs of several multi-cultural communities. The cemetery would include an area specifically designed for the Jewish community, with appropriate burial services, practices, and artwork for Jewish residents.

Project development would occur in two phases. Once approved, the Phase I buildout of the Project would occur over approximately 5 years. Phase II buildout would occur over approximately 100 years. Phase II would be developed in subphases based on future demand and other development and regulatory factors. Permitting would begin for Phase II following approval of the CUP from Alameda County.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The project would have significant impacts in the following environmental areas:

- Air Quality (air pollution from ground disturbing construction activities)
- Biological Resources (sensitive species, seasonal wetlands and “other waters of the United States”, and local policies.
- Cultural Resources (cultural and/or tribal cultural resources and human remains)
- Geologic, soils and seismic (earthwork and proposed lakes)
- Hydrology and Water Quality (construction effects, operation of proposed lakes)

All of these impacts can be reduced to less than significant levels after mitigation is implemented.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR is from January 13, 2022 to February 28, 2022. The Draft EIR will be available for review at the following locations:

Alameda County Planning Department
224 W. Winton Avenue, Room 111
Hayward, CA 94544

Livermore Public Library – Civic Center
1188 S Livermore Ave
Livermore, CA 94550

And on the County’s website:

<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/landuseprojects/currentprojects.htm>

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Written comments on the Draft EIR must be received no later than February 28, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

Please send written comments to:
Alameda County Planning Department
224 W. Winton Avenue, Room 111
Hayward, CA 94544
ATTN: Albert V. Lopez, Planning Director

Please include a return address and contact name with your written comments. You are also encouraged to email your comments to albert.lopez@acgov.org with “Monte Vista Memorial Gardens EIR” as the subject.

PUBLIC PROCESS: Although CEQA does not require formal hearings at any stage of the environmental review process (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15202[a]), it does encourage “wide public involvement, formal and informal...in order to receive and evaluate public reactions to environmental issues” (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15201) and requires the lead agency to provide the public with the

opportunity to provide comments. The County, as lead agency, circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR (SCH # 2020069045) for the proposed project on June 29, 2020. The NOP was distributed for a 30-day comment period that ended on July 29, 2020. In addition, the County held a public scoping meeting on July 20, 2020, to solicit input on the scope and focus of the EIR. Comments received on the NOP and during the public scoping meeting were considered in the preparation of the EIR. Appendix A of the Draft EIR contains the NOP, and Appendix B contains written comments received on the NOP.

The Draft EIR incorporates public and agency responses to the NOP. Like the NOP, the Draft EIR is being circulated for review and comment by appropriate agencies, as well as organizations and individuals who have requested notification. In accordance with Section 15205(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the County has scheduled a 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR, ending on February 28, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Within that 45-day period, the County will hold one public hearing before the Planning Commission via teleconference and video conference to request comments on the Draft EIR, at the following time and link.

Monday February 7, 2022, at 3:00 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95946946292>

Call-in Number: (669) 900-9128 or (346) 248-7799

WEBINAR ID# 95946946292

The meeting will be held in conformance with the County's [Teleconferencing Guidelines for Planning Public Hearings](#) (PDF), at the link provided or at the Planning Department webpage below:

<http://www.acgov.org/cda/planning>

Following the close of the public review period for the Draft EIR, the County will prepare a final EIR, incorporating all comments received during the public comment period, for consideration by the Planning Commission, at a date for which notice shall be provided. As required by CEQA (Section 21092.5), the final EIR, including written responses to the comments submitted by public agencies, will be available at least 10 days prior to certification.