



PUBLIC NOTICE

**AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROJECT INFORMATION		PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION	
Project Title:	Lake Merced West Project	Hearing Date:	March 31, 2022
Project Address:	520 John Muir Drive	Time:	1:00 pm or later
Case No.:	2019-014146ENV	Location:	Remote or in-person hearing (see below and visit https://sfplanning.org/planning-commission for details)
Block/Lot Nos.:	7283/004	Case Type:	Environmental (Draft EIR)
Zoning District(s):	P (Public) and OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District Western Shoreline Area Plan	Hearing Body:	Planning Commission
Neighborhoods:	Lakeshore		
Project Sponsor:	San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department		
EIR Coordinator:	Julie Moore – 628.652.7566 CPC.LakeMercedWestEIR@sfgov.org		

The San Francisco Planning Department (San Francisco Planning) has studied this project’s potential physical environmental effects and welcomes your comments on the adequacy of the draft environmental impact report (EIR). Refer to the Project Description and Purpose of Notice sections below for more information.

Project Description

The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) proposes the Lake Merced West Project which would create a recreational facility on approximately 11 acres located at 520 John Muir Drive, on the southwest side of Lake Merced, in southwestern San Francisco, California. The City and County of San Francisco, under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), owns the project site. RPD and SFPUC collectively manage recreation activities at Lake Merced, including the lease of the former site tenant, the Pacific Rod and Gun Club. RPD will also manage recreation activities at the proposed Lake Merced West recreational facility through selection and oversight of a concessionaire to construct and operate the facility.

The project consists of the construction and operation of the Lake Merced West recreational facility. The recreational facility would offer an array of active and passive activities open to the public, such as trail use, picnicking, paddleboarding, kayaking, fishing, fitness activities, a ropes course, birdwatching, outdoor exercise, skateboarding, basketball, and other activities on multi-use courts, as well as restaurant dining, and indoor space for gatherings such as community meetings and birthday parties. Based on their condition, the existing buildings would be demolished. A new community building, restaurant, and outdoor patio would be built near the center of the site, along with a playground, multi-use court, basketball court, and picnic areas surrounded by meadows and natural areas. A new boathouse, boat dock, and watercraft

soft landing area are proposed adjacent to the lake. An arborist office and yard are also proposed at the southeastern end of the site; new restrooms, a ropes course, and a skatepark are proposed on the west side of the site. The facility would include 80 public parking spaces.

The recreation facility would operate primarily during daylight hours, and the restaurant would be open until 9:00 p.m. Special events hosting up to 500 people, such as weddings, community events, and group events, would be permitted up to twelve times per year. Special events would occur at the project site and may involve exceptions to normal operating hours and temporary use of amplified sound in compliance with San Francisco Police Department regulations and RPD permit requirements. Each special event would be individually permitted by the city.

Additionally, the SFPUC arborist team would operate a small office at the project site and store equipment and vehicles at the yard. Typically, the arborist office and yard would operate between 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

DRAFT EIR: The Draft EIR finds that implementation of the project could result in significant unavoidable project-level impacts related to historic cultural resources. The Draft EIR provides a detailed project description, an analysis of physical environmental effects of the project, and identifies feasible mitigation measures and alternatives that would avoid or lessen the severity of project impacts. The Draft EIR is available for public review and comment on the San Francisco Planning Department's website at sfplanning.org/sfceqadocs and at the San Francisco Permit Center, 49 South Van Ness Avenue, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. Paper copies and electronic copies (on a flash drive) of the Draft EIR are available upon request to the project planner. Referenced materials are available at <https://tinyurl.com/LakeMercedWestEIR>.

PROJECTS ON STATE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS LISTS

As required by CEQA Guidelines section 15087(c)(6), the following information is provided because the project site is included on the following list compiled pursuant to California Government Code section 65962.5.

List: Cleanup Program Site, State Water Resources Control Board
Regulatory Identification Number: T10000005188
Site Name: Pacific Rod and Gun Club
Address of Listed Site: 520 John Muir Drive, San Francisco, CA 94102
Assessor's Block/Lot: 7283/004
Date of List: June 18, 2019

Purpose of Notice

You are not required to take any action. If you wish to comment on the adequacy of the Draft EIR, you may do so in either or both of the following ways:

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Planner: Julie Moore
Via Mail: 49 South Van Ness Ave, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94103
Via Email: CPC.LakeMercedWestEIR@sfgov.org
From: February 23, 2022 to 5 p.m. on April 11, 2022

COMMENTS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Live Stream: <https://sfgovtv.org/planning>, or
live on Cable Channel 78

March 31, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. or later

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, this hearing may occur in person at San Francisco City Hall or remotely using videoconferencing technology.

The purpose of the public hearing is for the San Francisco Planning Commission and San Francisco Planning staff to receive comments on the adequacy and accuracy of the Draft EIR. The commission will not respond to any of the comments or take action on the project at this hearing. Certification of the Final EIR will be considered at a later hearing. Additional information may be found on San Francisco Planning's website or by contacting the EIR coordinator listed above.

General Information About Procedures

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the department. All written or oral communications available, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available for inspection and copying upon request from the public. These communications may also be posted on the department's website or in other public documents. Only commenters on the Draft EIR will be permitted to file an appeal of the certification of the Final EIR to the Board of Supervisors.

At the close of the public review period, San Francisco Planning will prepare and publish a Responses to Comments document to respond to all substantive comments on the Draft EIR presented at the public hearing and received in writing during the public review period. It may also specify changes to this Draft EIR. This Responses to Comments document and all other associated documents will be made available at sfplanning.org/sfceqadocs. All commenters that provide an email or physical address will receive a notice of the Responses to Comments document availability. This Draft EIR together with the Responses to Comments document will be considered by the San Francisco Planning Commission in an advertised public hearing and will be certified as a Final EIR if deemed adequate.

This notice is being issued during the suspension of certain CEQA posting requirements pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31 requirements. This notice complies with local requirements under the March 23, 2020, Fifth Supplement to the Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency dated February 25, 2020.



Date: **2/23/2022**

The San Francisco Planning Department is studying a project's potential environmental effects and welcomes your comments. The enclosed notice concerns a project located at **520 John Muir Drive (2019-014146ENV)**. The other side of this page describes the environmental review process under state law. You may provide comments by **4/11/2022** or request future project updates from the staff contact indicated in the attached notice. There is a hearing before the Planning Commission scheduled for **3/31/2022**.

To obtain information about this notice in Spanish, Chinese, or Filipino, please call **628.652.7550**. Please be advised that the Planning Department will require at least one business day to respond to any call.

三藩市規劃局 (San Francisco Planning Department) 正在研究一項專案的潛在環境影響，歡迎大家踴躍提出意見。本函所附的通知書涉及位於 **520 John Muir Drive (2019-014146ENV)** 的專案。本頁背面對加州法律規定的環境影響審核流程做了詳細說明。請於 **4/11/2022** 日之前針對本案提出評論，或者向本函所附通知書中指定的聯絡人提出要求，繼續瞭解專案的最新發展。[規劃委員會定於 2022 年 3 月 31 日召開聽證會]。

請致電 **628.652.7550** 以索取通知書中文版本資訊。請注意，規劃局需要至少一個工作天才能回電。

El Departamento de Planificación está estudiando los posibles efectos medioambientales de un proyecto y desea saber su opinión. El aviso incluido concierne a un proyecto ubicado en **520 John Muir Drive (2019-014146ENV)**. Al reverso de esta página se describe el proceso de análisis medioambiental según la ley estatal. Usted puede entregar sus opiniones y comentarios a más tardar el **4/11/2022** o solicitar futuras actualizaciones sobre el proyecto al contacto indicado en el aviso adjunto. Hay una audiencia ante la Comisión de Planificación programada para el 31 de marzo del 2022.

Para obtener información sobre este aviso en español, llame al **628.652.7550**. Le informamos que el Departamento de Planificación necesitará por lo menos un día hábil para responder cualquier llamada.

Pinag-aaralan ng Kagawaran ng Pagpapalano ng San Francisco ang mga potensyal na epekto sa kapaligiran ng isang proyekto at tinatanggap ang iyong mga komento. Ang nakapaloob na paunawa ay patungkol sa isang proyekto na matatagpuan sa **520 John Muir Drive (2019-014146ENV)**. Inilalarawan ng kabilang panig ng pahinang ito ang proseso ng pagsusuri sa kapaligiran sa ilalim ng batas ng estado. Maaari kang magbigay ng mga komento sa **4/11/2022** o humiling ng mga bagong kaalaman sa proyekto sa hinaharap mula sa pagkontak sa kawani na nakalagay sa kalakip na abiso. Mayroong pagdinig bago sa naka-iskedyul na Komisyon sa Pagpapalano para sa 3/31/2022.

Upang makakuha ng impormasyon tungkol sa paunawang ito sa Filipino, mangyaring tumawag sa **628.652.7550**. Mangyaring maabisuhan na ang Kagawaran ng Pagpapalano ay mangangailangan ng kahit isang araw ng may trabaho o pasok upang tumugon sa anumang tawag.

CEQA

pronounced "SEE-kwuh"

The San Francisco Planning Department (SF Planning) reviews projects for potential environmental impacts. This is CEQA, which stands for the **California Environmental Quality Act**, a state law created in 1970.

THE BASIC GOALS OF CEQA ARE TO:

INFORM

decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental impacts

PREVENT

significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes to a project

IDENTIFY

the ways that the environmental damage can be avoided or reduced

DISCLOSE

to the public the reasons why decisions are made if significant impacts occur

WHO IS INVOLVED?

- SF Planning is responsible for conducting environmental review in San Francisco.
- Various stakeholders including the public
- City decision makers
- Government or private project sponsors (person/group proposing the change)

WHEN IS CEQA DONE?

Environmental review is not an approval of a project, but it must be complete before city decision makers determine whether or not to approve a project that could impact the environment.

Example projects include:

- Public or private projects
- Board of Supervisors legislation
- Allocation of public funding to projects



In San Francisco, SF Planning informs the public of many types of environmental impacts, including impacts on air quality, noise, wind, shadow, transportation, and other topics.

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Para obtener más información, visite:
請造訪, 以瞭解詳情:

Upang madagdagan ang kaalaman,
mangyaring bumisita sa:

To learn more, please visit:

<https://sfplanning.org/environmental-review>