

Notice of Preparation

Tiburon General Plan 2040 Update Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

Date: October 21, 2022

To: State Clearinghouse, Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

From: Town of Tiburon Community Development Department

Subject: Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting for the Tiburon General Plan 2040

Update Environmental Impact Report

Scoping Meeting: October 27, 2022 4:00 p.m. (via Zoom – see pg.2 for information)

Comment Period: October 21, 2022 to November 28, 2022

The Town of Tiburon (Town) will serve as Lead Agency in the preparation of a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the adoption and implementation of the Tiburon General Plan 2040 Update (General Plan 2040).

The purpose of this notice is (1) to serve as a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, (2) to advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR to be prepared for the proposed project, and (3) to notice the public scoping meeting. The proposed project is a long-term General Plan consisting of policies that will guide future development activities and Town actions. Information regarding the project description, project location, and topics to be addressed in the Draft EIR is provided below. Additional project documents and information are available at the Town of Tiburon, Community Development Department located at 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon CA 94920 and on-line at:

https://createtiburon2040.org.

For questions regarding this notice, please contact Dina Tasini, Director of Community Development, at (415) 435-7393 or dtasini@townoftiburon.org.

Notice of Preparation Comment Period

The Town, as Lead Agency, requests that responsible and trustee agencies, and the Office of Planning and Research, respond in a manner consistent with Section 15082(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.4, responsible agencies, trustee agencies and the Office of Planning and Research must submit any comments in response to this notice no later than 39 days after receipt. The NOP public review period will begin on October 21, 2022 and end on November 28, 2022.

In the event that the Town does not receive a response from any Responsible or Trustee Agency by the end of the review period, the Town may presume that the Responsible Agency or Trustee Agency has no response to make (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b)(2)). All comments in response to this notice must be submitted in writing



at the address below, or via email, by the close of the 30-day NOP review period, which is 5:00 PM on November 28, 2022:

Dina Tasini, Director of Community Development Town of Tiburon 1505 Tiburon Boulevard Tiburon, CA 94920 dtasini@townoftiburon.org

Scoping Meeting

The Town will hold a scoping meeting to provide an opportunity for agency representatives and the public to assist the Town in determining the scope and content of the EIR.

The scoping meeting will be held on October 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The Zoom meeting link is provided below.

Tiburon General Plan 2040 Draft EIR Scoping Meeting

October 27, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84943082890

669-444-9171 Meeting # 849 4308 2890

For comments before or after the meeting or additional information, please contact Dina Tasini, Director of Community Development, at (415) 435-7393 or dtasini@townoftiburon.org.

Project Location and Setting

Tiburon is a town in southern Marin County located on the Tiburon Peninsula and Angel Island and includes portions of the Raccoon Strait and San Francisco Bay. Tiburon is generally bordered by unincorporated Marin County to the west, Richardson Bay and the Town of Belvedere to the west and southwest, unincorporated Marin County to the east, San Francisco Bay to the south and east, and unincorporated Marin County to the north. See Figure 1, Regional Location Map.

The Tiburon Peninsula is accessible by ferry from downtown San Francisco, by road from Highway 101 and Highway 131 (Tiburon Boulevard), and by bicycle through San Francisco Bay Trail. Apart from San Francisco, other nearby cities include Belvedere, Sausalito, Corte Madera, Mill Valley, and San Rafael.

Tiburon's early growth centered around marine, commercial, and industrial development. In the 1940s, growth occurred in association with World War II and the presence of Navy and Army facilities on the Tiburon Peninsula



and Angel Island. Beginning in the 1950s, Tiburon's growth became that of a bedroom community of San Francisco, with the development of residential subdivisions and a transition to commercially-oriented development along Tiburon Boulevard and Main Street. By the beginning of the 2000s, the majority of the developable land in the Tiburon Planning Area had been developed. Growth from the last two decades has been limited to the redevelopment/expansion of existing properties, development of infill properties, and development of planned development properties with site challenges, such as steep slopes, ridgelines, wildlife habitats, and trees and woodlands.

Elevations on the Tiburon Peninsula range from sea level to about 650 feet, and it is drained by multiple small watersheds on the north and south sides. Vegetation occurring within the Planning Area primarily consists of agricultural, ruderal, riparian, and landscaping vegetation.

Existing conditions in the Town and Planning Area are further described in the Existing Conditions Reports addressing Climate Change, Community Services and Facilities, Conservation, Hazards and Safety, Land Use and Growth, Noise, and Transportation.

Planning Area

In addition to the lands within the Town boundaries, state law requires that a municipality adopt a General Plan that addresses "any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency's judgment bears relation to its planning (California Government Code §65300)." The Town's Planning Area is defined as all lands within the Town limits and Tiburon SOI, as well as the Highway 101 Tiburon Boulevard/East Blithedale Avenue interchange west of the northwestern SOI boundary and the open space land to the north of the northern SOI boundary on Ring Mountain, as shown on Figure 2.

Project Description

State law requires the Town to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of its planning area. The Plan must include land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise, and safety elements, and address environmental justice and climate adaptation, as specified in Government Code Section 65302, to the extent that the issues identified by State law exist in the Town's planning area. Additional elements that relate to the physical development of the city may also be addressed in the Plan. The degree of specificity and level of detail of the discussion of each element need only reflect local conditions and circumstances.

Upon adoption, the General Plan 2040 will replace the Town's existing General Plan, which was last comprehensively updated in 2006 with an update to the Housing Element adopted in 2016.

The Town is also updating the Housing Element, which will address the 2023-2031 planning period and the Town's Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 639 units. It is anticipated that the Housing Element Update will be adopted separately from the General Plan Update.



The Town will implement the General Plan by requiring development, infrastructure improvements, and other projects to be consistent with its policies and by implementing the actions included in the Plan, including subsequent project-level environmental review, as required under CEQA.

Other project information and related General Plan documentation is available at the Town's General Plan Update website: https://createtiburon2040.org.

Project Objectives

The Tiburon General Plan Update is shaped by guiding principles identified through the visioning and community outreach efforts, including but not limited to:

Livability

Sense of Place

- Preserve and enhance Tiburon's intimate small-town feel and bayside village charm.
- Preserve and enhance access to the Town's scenic public open spaces and bay front.
- Preserve and protect important historic, cultural and artistic resources that serve as significant, visible reminders of the Town's social and architectural history.

Economic Vitality

- Support a local economy that is vibrant and provides a wide range of services.
- Encourage Downtown vitality and redevelopment with a more diverse array of uses and amenities to serve the local population, while retaining and building upon its unique historic character and attractiveness.
- Gracefully accommodate tourism, balancing it with local needs and retaining the community's character.

Balanced Growth

 Focus new development in Downtown and in areas adjacent to Tiburon Boulevard while preserving existing neighborhoods and open space.

Mobility

- Provide a balanced transportation system, including public transit, that accommodates the needs of automobiles, pedestrians, bicycles and new transportation technology.
- Reduce dependence on the automobile by providing a complete network of sidewalks, pathways and transit services that are safe and convenient for all residents.

Healthy Lifestyles

• Promote physical health and wellness by improving outdoor recreational facilities, trail connections and signage, and providing quality recreation programs to residents of all ages, abilities and economic means.

Community

Community Connections

• Strengthen community connections by providing activities and outdoor public gathering places.



Equity

- Promote social equity and inclusiveness in creation of public policies.
- Ensure the just and equitable provision of public facilities and services.

Housing

 Protect and enhance the quality of life within residential neighborhoods. Support the development of more diverse and affordable housing opportunities.

Safety

Provide a safe community through public safety services, resilient infrastructure, and public preparedness.

Sustainability

Environmental Resources

 Protect and enhance open spaces and natural resources that contribute to Tiburon's unique identify and scenic beauty.

Climate Change and Resilience

 Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase community resilience by preparing for the effects of climate change, including increased wildfires and sea level rise.

Tiburon General Plan 2040 Contents

The Tiburon General Plan 2040 will include a comprehensive set of goals, policies, and implementation measures, as well as a revised Land Use Map (Figure 2 – Adopted General Plan Land Use Map and Figure 3 – Proposed Land Use Map).

- A goal is a description of the general desired result that the Town seeks to create through the implementation of the General Plan.
- A policy is a specific statement that guides decision-making as the Town works to achieve its goals. Once
 adopted, policies represent statements of Town regulations. The General Plan's policies set out the
 standards that will be used by Town staff, the Planning Commission, and the Town Council in their review
 of land development projects, resource protection activities, infrastructure improvements, and other Town
 actions. Policies are on-going and don't necessarily require specific action on behalf of the Town.
- An implementation measure is an action, procedure, technique, or specific program to be undertaken by the Town to help achieve a specified goal or implement an adopted policy. The Town must take additional steps to implement each action in the General Plan. An action is something that can and will be completed.

A General Plan covers a wide range of social, economic, infrastructure, and natural resource issues. The Tiburon General Plan 2040 will include goals, policies, and implementation programs to address the state-mandated topics and will continue to have components that address optional topics, including growth management, urban design, downtown, education, economic development, youth and recreation, and public facilities.

Land Use Element

The Land Use Element establishes the framework for the goals, policies, and implementation Programs that will shape the physical form of Tiburon. The Land Use Element addresses the intensity and distribution of land uses and identifies areas of the Town where change will be encouraged and those areas where the existing land use patterns will be maintained and enhanced.

The Land Use Element establishes the land use designations, including the allowed uses, intensities, and densities of development, established by the Land Use Map, shown in Figure 3. Table 1 shows the total acreages for each land use designation shown on the proposed Land Use Map.

Table 1: Tiburon General Plan 2040 Land Use Designations by Acreage

Land Use Designation	Town	SOI	Planning Area	Total
·	Residential Desig	nations		
Low Density Residential	3.8	15.1		18.9
Planned Development - Residential	130.2	313.1		443.3
Medium Low Density Residential	264.5	75.6		340.1
Medium Density Residential	545.7	36.7		582.3
Medium High Density Residential	247.0	106.4		353.4
High Density Residential	51.8	7.9		59.7
Very High Density Residential	93.2	9.6		102.9
Very High Density-25 Residential	2.7			2.7
Subtotal Residential	1,338.8	564.4	-	1,903.2
Mixed	Use, Commercial, and	Office Designations		
Mixed Use	12.6			12.6
Main Street	0.1			0.1
Neighborhood Commercial	10.1			10.1
Neighborhood Commercial/Affordable Housing Overlay	1.0			1.0
Village Commercial	5.4			5.4
Shopping Commercial		3.3		3.3
Office	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Mixed Use, Commercial, & Office	29.1	3.3	-	
	Other Designa	tions		
Marine	6,781.0	150.3		6,931.3
Public/Quasi-Public	810.7	41.4		852.0
Open Space	408.1	84.7	308.6	801.5
Park	64.7	12.1		76.9
ROW	0.2			0.2
Subtotal Other	8,093.9	291.8	308.6	8,661.9
Grand Total	9,432.7	856.2	308.6	10,597.5

Source: Marin County GIS/Assessor Data, Town of Tiburon, De Novo Planning Group, 2022



Table 2 lists each land use designation and overlay and provides the density and FAR requirements for each designation, including any modifications associated with each land use alternative.

Table 2: Tiburon General Plan Land Use Designations

General Plan Land Use Designation or Overlay	Proposed Tiburon General Plan 2040 Density / FAR
Residential De	signations
ow Density Residential Up to 0.5 units per acre	
Planned Development - Residential	Up to 1.0 units per acre
Medium Low Density Residential	Up to 1.1 units per acre
Medium Density Residential	Up to 3.0 units per acre
Medium High Density Residential	Up to 4.4 units per acre
High Density Residential	Up to 11.6 units per acre
Very High Density Residential	Up to 12.4 units per acre
Very High Density-25 Residential	Up to 25 units per acre
Mixed Use, Commercial, a	nd Office Designations
Mixed Use	Minimum – 30 units per acre Maximum – 35 units per acre FAR: 1.5
Main Street	Minimum – 20 units per acre Maximum - 25 units per acre FAR: 1.5
Neighborhood Commercial	Up to 10 units per acre FAR: 0.37
Village Commercial	Density: Up to 15 units per acre FAR: 0.28
Office	Density: None allowed FAR: 1.0
Public, Quasi-Public, Recreatio	n, and Other Designations
Public/Quasi-Public	Density: None allowed FAR: 1.0
Park	Density: None allowed FAR: 0.1
Marine	Density: None allowed FAR: 0.1
Right-of-Way	Density: None allowed FAR: None allowed

Note: 1 Density and/or FAR based on implementing zoning district(s)

Source: O'Rourke & Associates, 2022; Town of Tiburon, 2022



Safety & Resilience Element

The Safety and Resilience Element will: address disaster and emergency planning, climate adaptation and sea level rise, flood hazards, geologic and seismic risks, wildfire hazards, man-made risks stemming from use and transport of hazardous materials, and public safety.

Sustainability & Resource Conservation Element

The Sustainability and Resource Conservation Element will address conservation of natural resources, resourceand energy-conscious growth, biological resources and habitat conservation, drainage and erosion, water quality, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, and historical and cultural resources.

Downtown Element

The Downtown Element will describe the development strategy, including increased opportunities for multifamily housing, circulation and streetscape design, waterfront access, green infrastructure, and programming of public spaces for the Downtown.

Open Space, Parks & Recreation Element

The Open Space, Parks & Recreation Element will provide the policy approach to the conservation, maintenance, and development of parks, , trails, open space, and scenic resources, in addition to supporting recreational programs and facilities.

Mobility Element

The Mobility Element will continue to address the Town's long-term transportation system, primarily through policies and standards to encourage active transportation, complete streets, adequate capacity, and linkages to further an integrated multi-modal transportation system, including walking, cycling, transit, and ferry access.

Noise Element

The Noise Element will address exposure of existing and future residents to noise sources, including transportation-related noise, source-point noise, and intermittent noise.

Housing Element

The Housing Element will continue to provide and develop local housing programs to meet the fair share of existing and future housing needs for all income groups and affirmatively further fair housing.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Element

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Element will provide the policy approach to creating a diverse, equitable and welcoming community that provides opportunities for all, including disadvantaged and historically marginalized people.

Growth and Development

The General Plan will accommodate future growth in Tiburon, including new businesses, expansion of existing businesses, and new residential uses consistent with the Land Use Designations (Table 1) and Draft Land Use Map (Figure 3). Table 3 summarizes development potential under the proposed Tiburon General Plan 2040.



The actual amount of development that will occur throughout the planning horizon of the General Plan is based on many factors outside of the Town's control. Actual future development would depend on future real estate and labor market conditions, property owner preferences and decisions, site-specific constraints, and other factors. New development and growth are largely dictated by existing development conditions, market conditions, and land turnover rates. Very few communities in California actually develop to the full potential allowed in their respective General Plans during the planning horizon.

As shown in Table 3, approximately 762 new residential units and a reduction of approximately 129,682 square feet of non-residential uses would be accommodated under General Plan buildout conditions. The new residential new growth would result in a population increase of approximately 1,829 persons, assuming 2.40 persons per household based on California Department of Finance 2022 estimates.

Table 3: Tiburon General Plan New Development Potential

Residential Units or Nonresidential Square Footage	Dwelling Units	Population	Non-residential Square Feet
	Residential Units		
Single Family Residential	174	418	-
Multifamily and Mixed Use Residential	516	1,238	-
Accessory Dwelling Units	72	173	-
TOTAL	762	1,829	-
Nonresidential Square Footage			
Commercial Sq. Ft.	-	-	-129,682
TOTAL	762	1,829	-129,682

Source: Marin County GIS/Assessor Data, Town of Tiburon, De Novo Planning Group, 2022

Program EIR Analysis

The Town, as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will prepare a Program EIR for the Tiburon General Plan 2040 Update. The EIR will be prepared in accordance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines), relevant case law, and Town procedures. No Initial Study will be prepared pursuant to Section 15063(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The EIR will analyze potentially significant impacts associated with adoption and implementation of the General Plan. In particular, the EIR will focus on areas that have development potential. The EIR will evaluate the full range of environmental issues contemplated under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, except for specific topics identified below as having no impact. Where potentially significant or significant impacts are identified, the EIR will discuss mitigation measures to address the impact. At this time, the Town anticipates that EIR sections will be organized in the following topical areas:

^{1 2.40} persons per household, California Department of Finance, 2022



- Aesthetic Resources The Program EIR will describe the aesthetic implications of the General Plan 2040
 implementation, including visual relationships to the surrounding vicinity and potential impacts on scenic
 vistas and resources, and potential to conflict with regulations governing scenic quality, and light or glare
 impacts.
- Agriculture Resources The Program EIR will describe the potential of the General Plan 2040 implementation on agricultural resources.
- Air Quality The Program EIR will describe the potential short- and long-term impacts of General Plan 2040 implementation on local and regional air quality and air quality plans based on methodologies issued by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).
- Biological Resources The Program EIR will identify any potential impacts of General Plan 2040 implementation on biological resources, including special-status plant and animal species, riparian habitats, wetlands, other sensitive natural communities, migratory movement, and protected trees.
- Historic, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources The Program EIR will describe any potential General Plan 2040 implementation impacts and mitigation associated with historic, archaeological, and tribal cultural resources.
- Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources The Program EIR will describe the potential geotechnical implications of General Plan 2040 implementation, including adverse effects associated with seismic activity, substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil, stable, potentially unstable geologic units, and destruction of unique paleontologic resources or unique geological features.
- Greenhouse Gases, Climate Change, and Energy The Program EIR will include a greenhouse gas emissions analysis using the BAAQMD's methodology and thresholds for evaluating a project's greenhouse gas emissions and will address the potential for the General Plan 2040 to conflict with an adopted plan or other regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gases. This section will also address anticipated energy consumption associated with buildout of the General Plan 2040, as well as proposed and or potential energy conservation measures.
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials The Program EIR will describe any existing and anticipated hazardous
 material activities and releases and any associated impacts of General Plan 2040 implementation. Potential
 hazards impacts resulting from future construction will also be described.
- Hydrology and Water Quality The Program EIR will describe the effects of General Plan 2040 implementation on storm drainage, water quality, groundwater resources, and the potential for flooding.
- Land Use and Planning The Program EIR will describe the potential impacts of General Plan 2040 implementation related to land use and planning, including impacts due to conflict with land use plans, policies, or regulations adopted to avoid or mitigate an environmental effect.



- Noise The Program EIR will describe noise impacts and related mitigation needs associated with shortterm construction and long-term operation (i.e., traffic, mechanical systems, etc.) associated with buildout of the General Plan 2040.
- Population and Housing The Program EIR will describe the anticipated effects of General Plan 2040 implementation inducing unplanned population growth or displacing existing people or housing.
- Public Services and Recreation The Program EIR will describe the potential for General Plan 2040 implementation to result in substantial adverse physical impacts on public services, including police, fire, and emergency medical services, schools, parks and recreation facilities, and other public facilities.
- Transportation The Program EIR will describe the transportation and circulation implications of General Plan 2040 implementation, including impacts on the circulation system including transit, roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, potential effects related to vehicle miles travelled, design or incompatible use hazards, and adequate emergency access.
- Utilities/Service Systems The Program EIR will describe the General Plan 2040 implementation effects
 related to new or expanded water supply, sewer and wastewater treatment, storm drainage, solid waste and
 recycling, electric, natural gas, and telecommunication infrastructure.
- Wildfire The Program EIR will describe the General Plan 2040 impacts related to emergency response/emergency evacuation plans, potential to exacerbate wildfire risks, and exposure to significant wildfire-related risks.
- In addition to the potential environmental impacts noted above, the Program EIR will evaluate potential cumulative impacts and potential growth-inducing effects associated with General Plan 2040 implementation. The Program EIR will also compare the impacts of the proposed General Plan 2040 to a range of reasonable alternatives, including a No Project alternative, and will identify an environmentally superior alternative. The Program EIR will analyze the Land Use Map, Circulation Diagrams, goals, policies, and implementation programs for the proposed General Plan 2040 and alternatives to the proposed General Plan 2040.

Environmental Topics Scoped from Further Analysis

There is no designated forest or timber land in the Town and Planning Area. Therefore, the General Plan 2040 would have no impact related to forestry resources, as identified by CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, Section II, paragraphs c) and d) and this issue will not be analyzed further in the EIR.

There are no known mineral resources of value and there are no known locally important mineral resource recovery sites in the Town and Planning Area. Therefore, the General Plan 2040 would have no impact related to mineral resources, as identified by CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, Section XII, paragraphs a) and b) and this issue will not be analyzed further in the EIR.



The Town and Planning Area are not located within an airport land use plan nor within two miles of a public airport or public use airport. Therefore, the General Plan 2040 would have no impact related to airport-associated hazards or exposure to excessive noise levels related to airport use, as identified by CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, Section IX, paragraph e) and Section XIII, paragraph c), respectively.

Figure 1. Regional Location Map

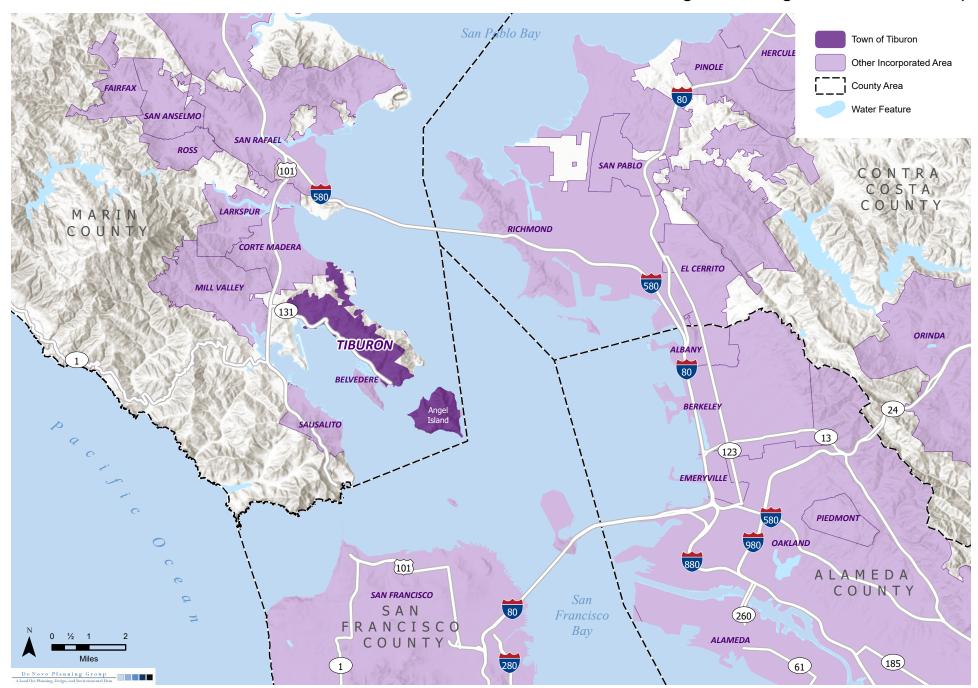


Figure 2. Existing General Plan Land Use Map

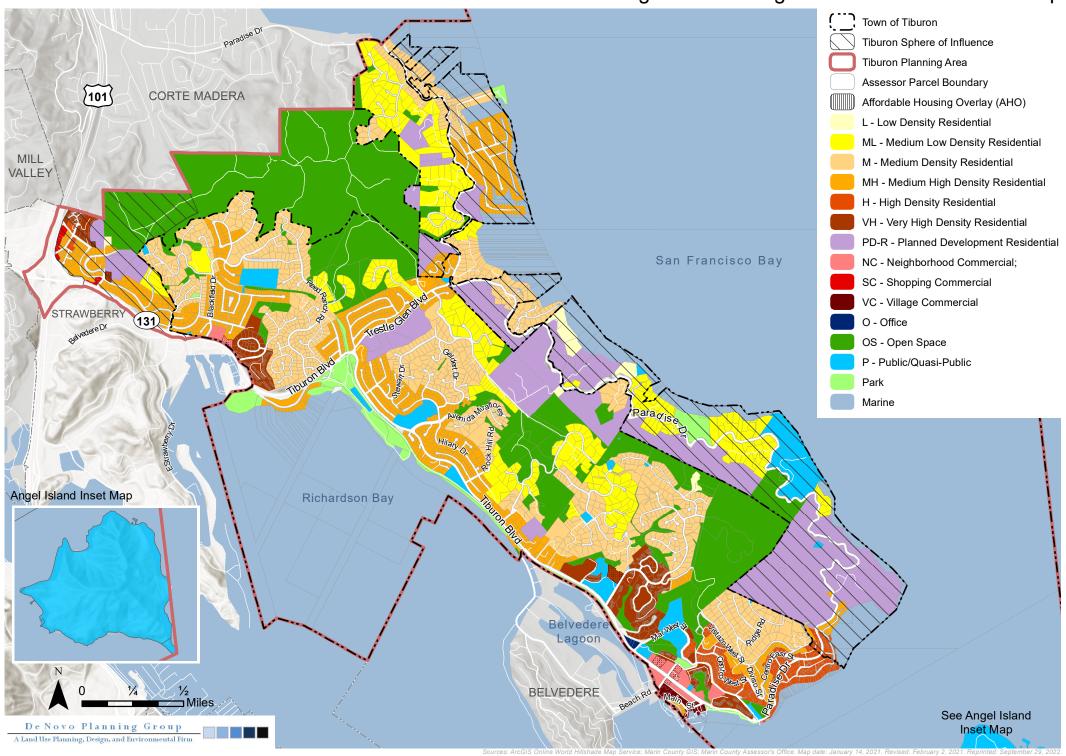
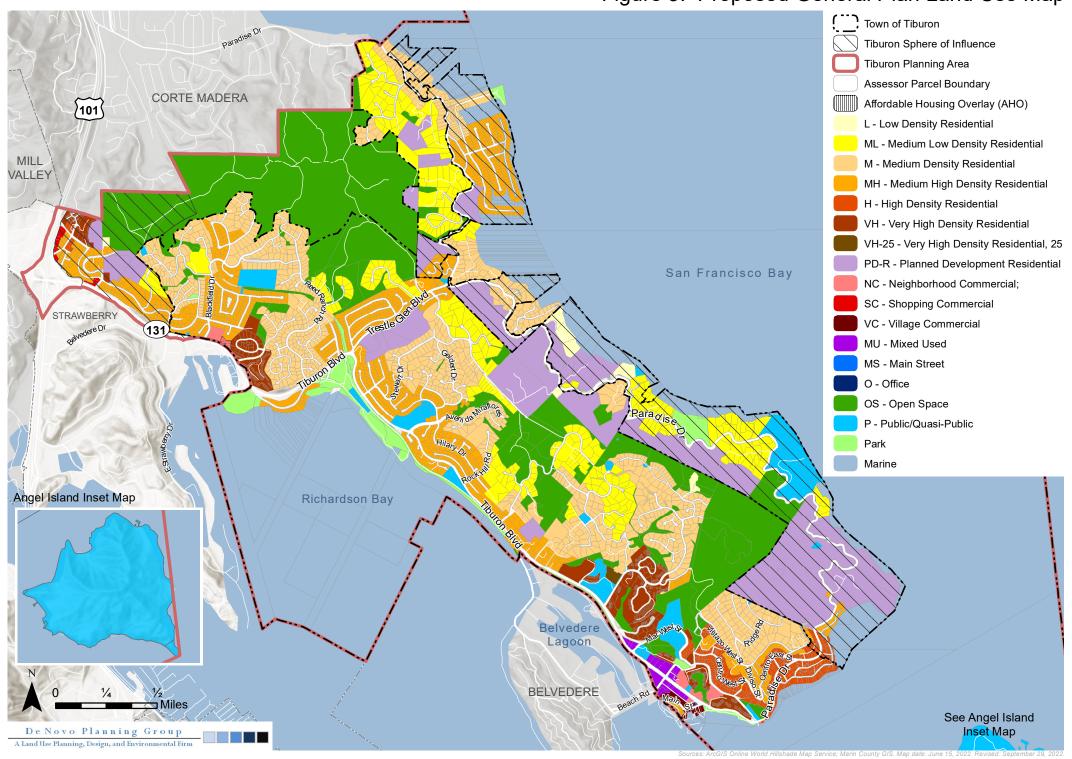


Figure 3. Proposed General Plan Land Use Map



Tiburon General Plan 2040 – Comments on the Notice of Preparation

1	Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC)	Cody Campagne, Cultural Resource Analyst	October 24, 2022
2		Julie Jacobs	November 6, 2022
3		Dorene Curtis	November 14, 2022
4		Kathy and Gerry Silverfield	November 14, 2022
5	Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)	Gavin McCreary, Project Manager, Site Evaluation and Remediation Unit	November 23, 2022
6	California Geological Survey (CGS)	Dr. Erik Frost, Senior Engineering Geologist, Seismic Hazards Program	November 28, 2022
7	California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Erin Chappell, Regional Manager, Bay Delta Region	November 28, 2022



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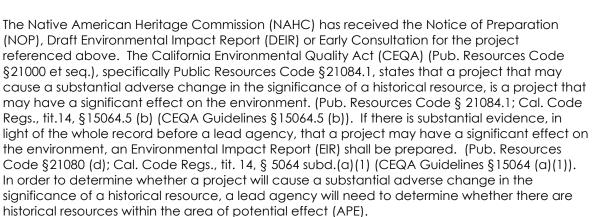
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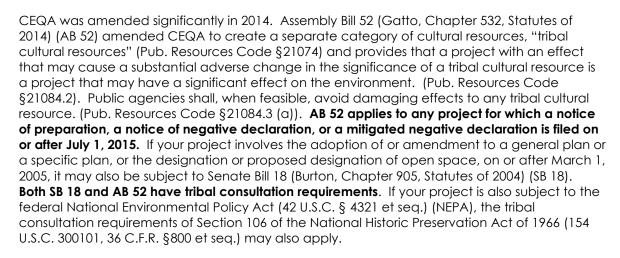
October 24, 2022

Dina Tasini Town of Tiburon 1505 Tiburon Boulevard Tiburon, CA 94920

Re: 2022100473, Tiburon General Plan 2040 Project, Marin County

Dear Ms. Tasini:





The NAHC recommends consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of <u>portions</u> of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments.

Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.

AB 52



AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

- 1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project: Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:
 - a. A brief description of the project.
 - **b.** The lead agency contact information.
 - **c.** Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d)).
 - **d.** A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21073).
- 2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report: A lead agency shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or Environmental Impact Report. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1(b)).
 - **a.** For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code §65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).
- **3.** <u>Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe</u>: The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:
 - a. Alternatives to the project.
 - **b.** Recommended mitigation measures.
 - **c.** Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).
- 4. <u>Discretionary Topics of Consultation</u>: The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:
 - a. Type of environmental review necessary.
 - **b.** Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
 - **c.** Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
 - **d.** If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).
- **5.** Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process: With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code §6254 (r) and §6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (c)(1)).
- **6.** <u>Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document:</u> If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:
 - a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
 - **b.** Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (b)).

- **7.** <u>Conclusion of Consultation</u>: Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
 - **a.** The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
 - **b.** A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (b)).
- **8.** Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document: Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (a)).
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 - i. Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
 - ii. Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
 - iii. Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
 - **c.** Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
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Some of SB 18's provisions include:

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Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/.

NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

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 - **d.** If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: Cody.Campagne@nahc.ca.gov.

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Cultural Resources Analyst

cc: State Clearinghouse



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attention Christina Erwin, DeNovo Planning Group, regarding EIR for Town of Tiburon's Housing Element Plan and General Plan

1 message

JULIE JACOBS <jsj13@aol.com>

Sun, Nov 6, 2022 at 9:24 PM

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Comments on EIR for Town of Tiburon's Housing Element Plan and General Plan

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Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 11:47 AM

To: cerwin@denovoplanning.com

Cc: Tasini Dina <dtasini@townoftiburon.org>, Jacobs Julie <isi13@aol.com>, Silverfield Kathy <kgds@yahoo.com>

Dear Ms. Irwin,

I too thank you for the excellent presentation on the EIR scoping. I had planned to draft my own comments but in reading those submitted by Julie and Seth, I find that I agree with everything they have said and that I cannot think of anything to add.:-)

Therefore, I am forward their comments again as reflecting my thoughts as well.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Dorene Curtis

Begin forwarded message:

From: JULIE JACOBS <jsj13@aol.com>

Subject: attention Christina Erwin, DeNovo Planning Group, regarding EIR for Town of Tiburon's Housing Element Plan and General Plan Date: November 6, 2022 at 9:24:17 PM PST

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Re: Comments on EIR for Town of Tiburon's Housing Element Plan and General Plan External Indox ×



Kathy and Gerry Silverfield <kkgds@yahoo.com>

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To: Christina Erwin

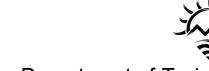
Along with Dorene Curtis, I concur with everything that Julie and Seth Jacobs wrote.

I do have additional questions and comments:

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Thank you for your attention.

Kathy Silverfield Tiburon Resident





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STATE CLEARING HOUSE

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE

TIBURON GENERAL PLAN 2040 – DATED OCTOBER 21, 2022

(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2022100473)

Dear Ms. Tasini:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Tiburon General Plan 2040 (Project). The Lead Agency is receiving this notice from DTSC because the Project may include one or more of the following: groundbreaking activities, work in close proximity to a roadway, presence of site buildings that may require demolition or modifications, importation of backfill soil, and/or work on or in close proximity to an agricultural or former agricultural site.

The listing compiled in accordance with California Government Code Section 65962.5, commonly known as the Cortese List, is frequently referenced in General Plan California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents. However, not all sites impacted by hazardous waste or hazardous materials will be found on the Cortese List. DTSC recommends that the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the EIR address actions to be taken for any sites impacted by hazardous waste or hazardous materials within the Project area, not just those found on the Cortese List. DTSC recommends consulting with other agencies that may provide oversight to hazardous waste facilities and sites in order to determine a comprehensive listing of all sites impacted by hazardous waste or hazardous materials within the Project area. DTSC hazardous waste facilities and sites with known or suspected contamination issues can be found on DTSC's EnviroStor data management system. The EnviroStor Map feature

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can be used to locate hazardous waste facilities and sites for a county, city, or a specific address.

DTSC recommends that the following issues be evaluated in the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the EIR:

- A State of California environmental regulatory agency such as DTSC, a Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), or a local agency that meets the requirements of <u>Health and Safety Code section 101480</u> should provide regulatory concurrence that the Project sites are safe for construction and the proposed use.
- 2. The EIR should acknowledge the potential for historic or future activities on or near the Project area to result in the release of hazardous wastes/substances. In instances in which releases have occurred or may occur, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination, and the potential threat to public health and/or the environment should be evaluated. The EIR should also identify the mechanism(s) to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation and the government agency who will be responsible for providing appropriate regulatory oversight.
- 3. Refiners in the United States started adding lead compounds to gasoline in the 1920s in order to boost octane levels and improve engine performance. This practice did not officially end until 1992 when lead was banned as a fuel additive in California. Tailpipe emissions from automobiles using leaded gasoline contained lead and resulted in aerially deposited lead (ADL) being deposited in and along roadways throughout the state. ADL-contaminated soils still exist along roadsides and medians and can also be found underneath some existing road surfaces due to past construction activities. Due to the potential for ADL-contaminated soil, DTSC recommends collecting soil samples for lead analysis prior to performing any intrusive activities for the Project in the forthcoming EIR.
- 4. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any project sites included in the proposed project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's 2006 Interim Guidance Evaluation of School Sites with Potential Contamination from Lead Based Paint, Termiticides, and Electrical Transformers.

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- Ċ٦ imported materials be characterized according to DTSC's 2001 Information ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination. DTSC recommends the soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to If any projects initiated as part of the proposed Project require the importation of Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material.
- <u>ე</u> accordance with DTSC's 2008 Interim Guidance for Sampling Agricultural recommends the current and former agricultural lands be evaluated in organochlorinated pesticides should be discussed in the EIR. DTSC agricultural, weed abatement or related activities, proper investigation for If any sites included as part of the proposed Project have been used for Properties (Third Revision)

oversight. Additional information regarding voluntary agreements with DTSC can be found at DTSC's Brownfield website. choose DTSC to provide oversight for any environmental investigations, please visit DTSC's Site Mitigation and Restoration Program page to apply for lead agency DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the forthcoming EIR. Should you

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 255-3710 or via email at Gavin.McCreary@dtsc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

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Gavin McCreary, M.S.

Project Manager

Site Evaluation and Remediation Unit Site Mitigation and Restoration Program Department of Toxic Substances Control

cc: (via email)

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Mr. Dave Kereazis
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From: Frost, Erik@DOC Erik.Frost@conservation.ca.gov

Subject: Tiburon General Plan 2040 Update (SCH 2022100473) - CGS comments

Date: November 28, 2022 at 11:30 AM

To: dtasini@townoftiburon.org

Cc: OPR State Clearinghouse State.Clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov, OLRA@DOC OLRA@conservation.ca.gov

Hello Dina Tasini,

The California Geological Survey (CGS) has received a Notice of Preparation for the Tiburon General Plan 2040 Update Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). This email conveys the following comments from CGS concerning geologic issues related to the planning area:

1. Tsunami Hazards

The CGS has mapped a Tsunami Hazard Area (THA) within the planning area. The purpose of a THA is to assist cities and counties in identifying their exposure to tsunami hazards. It is intended for local jurisdictional, coastal evacuation planning uses only. Additional information can be found at the links below: https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/index.html? map=regulatorymaps

https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/Documents/Publications/Tsunami-Maps/Tsunami_Hazard_Area_Map_Marin_County_a11y.pdf

The planning area also contains a Tsunami Design Zone within the California Building Code (CBC). The CBC requires certain design standards for essential/critical or larger structures. The Town should consider the Tsunami Design Zone in the DEIR. The following website provides additional information regarding the Tsunami Design Zone: https://asce7tsunami.online/.

If you have any additional comments or questions, please feel free to call or email.

Erik

Dr. Erik Frost

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Subject: Town of Tiburon General Plan 2040 Update, Notice of Preparation of a Draft

Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, SCH No. 2022100473, Marin County

Dear Ms. Tasina:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Tiburon General Plan 2040 Update Project pursuant the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines.¹

CDFW is providing the Town of Tiburon, as the lead agency, with specific detail about the scope and content of the environmental information related to CDFW's area of statutory responsibility that must be included in the EIR (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15082, subd. (b)).

CDFW ROLE

CDFW is a **Trustee Agency** with responsibility under CEQA for commenting on projects that could impact fish, plant, and wildlife resources (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15386). CDFW is also considered a **Responsible Agency** if a project would require discretionary approval, such as a permit pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) or Native Plant Protection Act (NPPA), Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Program, and other provisions of the Fish and Game Code that afford protection to the State's fish and wildlife trust resources. Pursuant to our authority, CDFW has the following concerns, comments, and recommendations regarding the Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Town of Tiburon seeks to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of its planning area. The Plan will include land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise, and safety elements, and address

¹ CEQA is codified in the California Public Resources Code in section 21000 et seq. The "CEQA Guidelines" are found in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, commencing with section 15000.

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environmental justice and climate adaptation. The Town will implement the General Plan by requiring development, infrastructure improvements, and other projects to be consistent with its policies and by implementing the actions included in the Plan, including subsequent project-level environmental review, as required under CEQA.

The Town of Tiburon is located in Marin County on the Tiburon Peninsula and Angel Island. In addition to the lands within the Town boundaries, state law requires that a municipality adopt a General Plan that addresses "any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency's judgment bears relation to its planning (California Government Code §65300)." The Town's Planning Area is defined as all lands within the Town limits and Tiburon Sphere of Influence (SOI), as well as the Highway 101 Tiburon Boulevard/East Blithedale Avenue interchange west of the northwestern SOI boundary and the open space land to the north of the northern SOI boundary on Ring Mountain.

The CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) require that the EIR incorporate a full Project description, including reasonably foreseeable future phases of the Project, that contains sufficient information to evaluate and review the Project's environmental impact (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15124 & 15378). Please include a complete description of the following Project components in the Project description:

- Land use changes resulting from, for example, rezoning certain areas.
- Footprints of permanent Project features and temporarily impacted areas, such as staging areas and access routes.
- Area and plans for any proposed buildings/structures, ground-disturbing activities, fencing, paving, stationary machinery, landscaping, and stormwater systems.
- Operational features of the Project, including level of anticipated human presence (describe seasonal or daily peaks in activity, if relevant), artificial lighting/light reflection, noise, traffic generation, and other features.
- Construction schedule, activities, equipment, and crew sizes.

The NOP identifies that the EIR will be a Program EIR. While Program EIRs have a necessarily broad scope, CDFW recommends providing as much information related to anticipated future activities as possible. CDFW recognizes that, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15152, subdivision (c), if a Lead Agency is using the tiering process in connection with an EIR or large-scale planning approval, the development of detailed, site-specific information may not be feasible and can be deferred, in many instances, until such time as the Lead Agency prepares a future environmental document. This

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future environmental document would cover a project of a more limited geographical scale and is appropriate if the deferred information does not prevent adequate identification of significant effects of the planning approval at hand. The CEQA Guidelines section 15168, subdivision (c)(4) states, "Where the later activities involve site-specific operations, the agency should use a written checklist or similar device to document the evaluation of the site and the activity to determine whether the environmental effects of the operation were within the scope of the program EIR." Based on CEQA Guidelines section 15183.3 and associated *Appendix N Checklist*, and consistent with other program EIRs, CDFW recommends creating a procedure or checklist for evaluating subsequent project impacts on biological resources to determine if they are within the scope of the Program EIR or if an additional environmental document is warranted. This checklist should be included as an attachment to the EIR. Future analysis should include all special-status species and sensitive habitat including but not limited to species considered rare, threatened, or endangered species pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, section 15380.

When used appropriately, the checklist should be accompanied by enough relevant information and reasonable inferences to support a "within the scope" of the EIR conclusion. For subsequent Project activities that may affect sensitive biological resources, a site-specific analysis should be prepared by a qualified biologist to provide the necessary supporting information. In addition, the checklist should cite the specific portions of the EIR, including page and section references, containing the analysis of the subsequent Project activities' significant effects and indicate whether it incorporates all applicable mitigation measures from the EIR.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

California Endangered Species Act and Native Plant Protection Act

Please be advised that a CESA Incidental Take Permit (ITP) must be obtained if the Project has the potential to result in "take" of plants or animals listed under CESA or NPPA, either during construction or over the life of the Project. Issuance of a CESA ITP is subject to CEQA documentation; the CEQA document must specify impacts, mitigation measures, and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program. If the Project will impact CESA listed species, such as those identified in **Attachment 1**, early consultation is encouraged, as significant modification to the Project and mitigation measures may be required in order to obtain a CESA ITP.

CEQA requires a Mandatory Finding of Significance if a project is likely to substantially restrict the range or reduce the population of a threatened or endangered species (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21001, subd. (c) & 21083; CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15380, 15064, and 15065). Impacts must be avoided or mitigated to less-than-significant levels unless the CEQA Lead Agency makes and supports Findings of Overriding Consideration

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(FOC). The CEQA Lead Agency's FOC does not eliminate the Project proponent's obligation to comply with CESA.

Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement

CDFW will require an LSA Notification, pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 1600 et. seq. for Project activities affecting lakes or streams and associated riparian habitat. Notification is required for any activity that will substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow; change or use material from the bed, channel, or bank including associated riparian or wetland resources; or deposit or dispose of material where it may pass into a river, lake or stream. Work within ephemeral streams, washes, watercourses with a subsurface flow, and floodplains are subject to notification requirements. CDFW, as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, will consider the CEQA document for the Project. CDFW may not execute the final LSA Agreement until it has complied with CEQA as a Responsible Agency.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The EIR should provide sufficient information regarding the environmental setting ("baseline") to understand the Project's, and its alternative's (if applicable), potentially significant impacts on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15125 & 15360).

CDFW recommends that the CEQA document prepared for the Project provide baseline habitat assessments for special-status plant, fish and wildlife species located and potentially located within the Project area and surrounding lands, including but not limited to all rare, threatened, or endangered species (CEQA Guidelines, § 15380). The EIR should describe aquatic habitats, such as wetlands or waters of the U.S. or State, and any sensitive natural communities or riparian habitat occurring on or adjacent to the Project site (for sensitive natural communities

see: https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/VegCAMP/NaturalCommunities#sensitive%20natural%2 Ocommunities), and any stream or wetland set back distances the Town of Tiburon may require. Fully protected, threatened or endangered, candidate, and other special-status species that are known to occur, or have the potential to occur in or near the Project site, include but are not limited to those listed in **Attachment 1**.

Habitat descriptions and the potential for species occurrence should include information from multiple sources: aerial imagery, historical and recent survey data, field reconnaissance, scientific literature and reports, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information, Planning, and Consultation System, California Aquatic Resources Inventory, and findings from "positive occurrence" databases such as California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). Based on the data and information from the habitat assessment, the EIR should adequately assess which special-status species are likely to occur on or near the Project site, and whether they could be

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impacted by the Project.

CDFW recommends that prior to Project implementation, surveys be conducted for special-status species with potential to occur, following recommended survey protocols if available. Survey and monitoring protocols and guidelines are available at: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Survey-Protocol.

Botanical surveys for special-status plant species, including those with a California Rare Plant Rank (http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/inventory/)², must be conducted during the blooming period within the Project area and adjacent habitats that may be indirectly impacted by, for example, changes to hydrological conditions, and require the identification of reference populations. More than one year of surveys may be necessary based on environmental conditions. Please refer to CDFW protocols for surveying and evaluating impacts to special status plants available at: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Plants.

IMPACT ANALYSIS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The EIR should discuss all direct and indirect impacts (temporary and permanent) that may occur with implementation of the Project (CEQA Guidelines, § 15126.2). This includes evaluating and describing impacts such as:

- Land use changes that would reduce open space or agricultural land uses and increase residential or other land use involving increased development;
- Encroachments into riparian habitats, wetlands or other sensitive areas;
- Potential for impacts to special-status species;
- Loss or modification of breeding, nesting, dispersal and foraging habitat, including vegetation removal, alternation of soils and hydrology, and removal of habitat structural features (e.g., snags, roosts, vegetation overhanging banks);
- Permanent and temporary habitat disturbances associated with ground disturbance, noise, lighting, reflection, air pollution, traffic or human presence; and

² California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR) 1B plants are considered rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere. Further information on CRPR ranks is available in CDFW's *Special Vascular Plants*, *Bryophytes, and Lichens List* (https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=109383&inline) and on the California Native Plant Society website (https://www.cnps.org/rare-plants/cnps-rare-plant-ranks).

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 Obstruction of movement corridors, fish passage, or access to water sources and other core habitat features.

The CEQA document should also identify reasonably foreseeable future projects in the Project vicinity, disclose any cumulative impacts associated with these projects, determine the significance of each cumulative impact, and assess the significance of the Project's contribution to the impact (CEQA Guidelines, §15355). Although a project's impacts may be insignificant individually, its contributions to a cumulative impact may be considerable; a contribution to a significant cumulative impact – e.g., reduction of available habitat for a special-status species – should be considered cumulatively considerable without mitigation to minimize or avoid the impact.

Based on the comprehensive analysis of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the Project, the CEQA Guidelines direct the lead agency to consider and describe all feasible mitigation measures to avoid potentially significant impacts in the EIR, and/or mitigate significant impacts of the Project on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15021, 15063, 15071, 15126.2, 15126.4 & 15370). This includes a discussion of impact avoidance and minimization measures for special-status species, which are recommended to be developed in early consultation with CDFW, USFWS, and the National Marine Fisheries Service. These measures can then be incorporated as enforceable Project conditions to reduce potential impacts to biological resources to less-than-significant levels.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

CEQA requires that information developed in EIRs and negative declarations be incorporated into a database which may be used to make subsequent or supplemental environmental determinations (Pub. Resources Code, § 21003, subd. (e)). Accordingly, please report any special-status species and natural communities detected during Project surveys to CNDDB. The CNNDB online field survey form and other methods for submitting data can be found at the following link:

https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDB/Submitting-Data. The types of information reported to CNDDB can be found at the following link:

https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDB/Plantsand-Animals.

FILING FEES

CDFW anticipates that the Project will have an impact on fish and/or wildlife, and assessment of filing fees is necessary (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4; Pub. Resources Code, § 21089). Fees are payable upon filing of the Notice of Determination by the Lead Agency and serve to help defray the cost of environmental review by CDFW.

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Questions regarding this letter or further coordination should be directed to Alex Single, Environmental Scientist, at (707) 799-4210 or Alex.Single@wildlife.ca.gov; or Melanie Day, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), at Melanie.Day@wildlife.ca.gov or (707) 210-4415.

Sincerely,

—DocuSigned by:
Erin Chappell

Erin Chappell Regional Manager Bay Delta Region

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Attachment 1: Special-Status Species

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Attachment 1: Special-Status Species

Species Name	Common Name	Status
Reithrodontomys raviventris	salt-marsh harvest mouse	FP, FE, SE
Rallus obsoletus obsoletus	California Ridgway's rail	FP, FE, SE
Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus	California black rail	FP, ST
Enhydra lutris nereis	southern sea otter	FP, FT
Falco peregrinus anatum	American peregrine falcon	FP
Elanus leucurus	white-tailed kite	FP
Oncorhynchus kisutch	coho salmon - central California coast Evolutionarily Significant Unit	FE, SE
Streptanthus glandulosus ssp. niger	Tiburon jewelflower	FE, SE, CRPR 1B.1
Pentachaeta bellidiflora	white-rayed pentachaeta	FE, SE, CRPR 1B.1
Holocarpha macradenia	Santa Cruz tarplant	FT, SE, CRPR 1B.1
Trifolium amoenum	two-fork clover	FE, CRPR 1B.1
Icaricia icarioides missionensis	Mission blue butterfly	FE
Eucyclogobius newberryi	tidewater goby	FE
Castilleja affinis var. neglecta	Tiburon paintbrush	FE, ST, CRPR 1B.2
Hesperolinon congestum	Marin western flax	FT, ST, CRPR 1B.1
Calochortus tiburonensis	Tiburon mariposa-lily	FT, ST, CRPR 1B.1
Strix occidentalis caurina	northern spotted owl	FT, ST
Spirinchus thaleichthys	longfin smelt	ST, FC
Rana draytonii	California red-legged frog	FT, SSC

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Leptosiphon rosaceus	rose leptosiphon	CRPR 1B.1
Horkelia cuneata var. sericea	Kellogg's horkelia	CRPR 1B.1
Fritillaria lanceolata var. tristulis	Marin checker lily	CRPR 1B.1
Fissidens pauperculus	minute pocket moss	CRPR 1B.2
Triquetrella californica	coastal triquetrella	CRPR 1B.2
Fritillaria liliacea	fragrant fritillary	CRPR 1B.2
Chloropyron maritimum ssp. palustre	Point Reyes salty bird's-beak	CRPR 1B.2
Horkelia tenuiloba	thin-lobed horkelia	CRPR 1B.2
Stebbinsoseris decipiens	Santa Cruz microseris	CRPR 1B.2
Arctostaphylos virgata	Marin manzanita	CRPR 1B.2
Helianthella castanea	Diablo helianthella	CRPR 1B.2
Microseris paludosa	marsh microseris	CRPR 1B.2
Eriogonum luteolum var. caninum	Tiburon buckwheat	CRPR 1B.2
Hemizonia congesta ssp. congesta	congested-headed hayfield tarplant	CRPR 1B.2
Polemonium carneum	Oregon polemonium	CRPR 1B.2
Collinsia multicolor	San Francisco collinsia	CRPR 1B.2
Amorpha californica var. napensis	Napa false indigo	CRPR 1B.2
Horkelia marinensis	Point Reyes horkelia	CRPR 1B.2
Gilia millefoliata	dark-eyed gilia	CRPR 1B.2
Fritillaria liliacea	fragrant fritillary	CRPR 1B.2
Silene scouleri ssp. scouleri	Scouler's catchfly	CRPR 1B.2
Navarretia rosulata	Marin County navarretia	CRPR 1B.2

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Symphyotrichum lentum	Suisun Marsh aster	CRPR 1B.2
Collinsia corymbosa	round-headed Chinese-houses	CRPR 1B.2
Trifolium hydrophilum	saline clover	CRPR 1B.2
Plagiobothrys chorisianus var. chorisianus	Choris' popcornflower	CRPR 1B.2
Calystegia purpurata ssp. saxicola	coastal bluff morning-glory	CRPR 1B.2
Astragalus tener var. tener	alkali milk-vetch	CRPR 1B.2
Spergularia macrotheca var. Iongistyla	long-styled sand-spurrey	CRPR 1B.2
Calamagrostis crassiglumis	Thurber's reed grass	CRPR 2B.1
Carex praticola	northern meadow sedge	CRPR 2B.2
Heteranthera dubia	water star-grass	CRPR 2B.2
Kopsiopsis hookeri	small groundcone	CRPR 2B.3
Polygonum marinense	Marin knotweed	CRPR 3.1

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