



Notice of Preparation

City of Belmont

Twin Pines Park Stormwater Detention Project

Date October 4, 2023

To Reviewing Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

Subject Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Belmont Twin Pines Park Stormwater Detention project.

The City of Belmont (City) is designing the Twin Pines Park Stormwater Detention project (project) and has determined that a focused Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be necessary to evaluate environmental impacts of the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In compliance with CEQA, the City will be the Lead Agency and will prepare the EIR. The City is requesting comments and guidance on the scope and content of the EIR from responsible and trustee agencies, interested public agencies, organizations, and the general public (CEQA Guidelines Section 15082).

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) provides a summary of the project, includes the City's preliminary identification of the potential environmental issues to be analyzed in the EIR, and provides information on how to comment on the scope of the EIR.

Notice of Preparation Public Review Period: October 4 to November 3, 2023

The City requests your careful review and consideration of this notice, and it invites any and all input and comments from interested agencies, persons, and organizations regarding the preparation of the EIR. Comments and responses to this notice must be in writing and submitted to the Lead Agency Contact through the close of business on November 3, 2023. If applicable, please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization. If your agency is a responsible agency as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15381, your agency may use the environmental documents prepared by the City when considering permits or approvals for action regarding the project.

Written Comments: Please submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2023:

- Email: ewada@belmont.gov
- Regular Mail: Elizabeth Wada, Associate Civil Engineer, City of Belmont, One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 385, Belmont, CA 94002

Project Background

The Belmont Creek watershed encompasses approximately 1,900 acres, originating at an elevation of 700 feet from Pulgas Ridge, with three substantial tributaries, near Carlmont Drive, Alameda de las Pulgas, and University of Notre Dame de Namur. Regional flooding in the watershed historically occurs downstream of El Camino Real, where the creek enters the flat, tidally influenced, Harbor/Industrial Area before discharging into Belmont Slough. The *Belmont Creek Watershed Management Plan* proposed a 21.5-acre-foot underground stormwater detention basin within Twin Pines Park to reduce peak flow in Belmont Creek and subsequently reduce flooding downstream.

Project Location

Twin Pines Park is located at 1 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont, California (refer to **Figure 1**). The project site is located on four parcels (Accessor Parcel Numbers 045-170-080, 045-181-250, 045-181-230, and 045-181-280) adjacent to Twin Pines Lane east of Ralston Avenue, and south of 6th Avenue in Belmont.

Proposed Project

The project would include construction of an underground stormwater storage facility beneath the parking lots or other areas of the 10-acre Twin Pines Park. The project is designed to attenuate the peak stormwater flow of Belmont Creek, to trap sediment and debris, to reduce flood risk in the flood-prone lower creek reach, downstream of El Camino Real, and to provide ancillary water quality benefits. A diversion weir would divert high flows from Belmont Creek to the 9-acre-foot underground storage facility, where water would remain before flowing back into Belmont Creek through a 12-inch outlet pipe. The project would also include a sediment chamber, bank stabilization along Belmont Creek, and an in-stream check structure in Belmont Creek. Refer to **Figure 1** for a depiction of these project components.

Project Alternatives

The EIR will evaluate a reasonable range of project alternatives that, consistent with CEQA, meet most of the project objectives and reduce or avoid potential environmental effects, including a required No Project Alternative.

Potential Environmental Effect Areas

The EIR will describe the reasonably foreseeable and potentially significant adverse effects of the proposed project (both direct and indirect). The EIR also will evaluate the cumulative impacts of the project when considered in conjunction with other related past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects. The City anticipates that the project could result in potentially significant environmental impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, and Tribal cultural resources, which will be further evaluated in the EIR. Other CEQA Guidelines Appendix G topics will be addressed in an Initial Study that will be appended to the Draft EIR.

When the Draft EIR is complete, it will be available for review at the City's offices located at 1 Twin Pines Lane, Suite 385, Belmont, CA 94002 and online at: www.belmont.gov/StormwaterBasin. The City

will issue a Notice of Availability of a Draft EIR at that time to inform the public and interested agencies, groups and individuals of how to access the Draft EIR and provide comments.

If you have any questions regarding this NOP, please contact Elizabeth Wada at (650) 595-7468 or via email at ewada@belmont.gov.

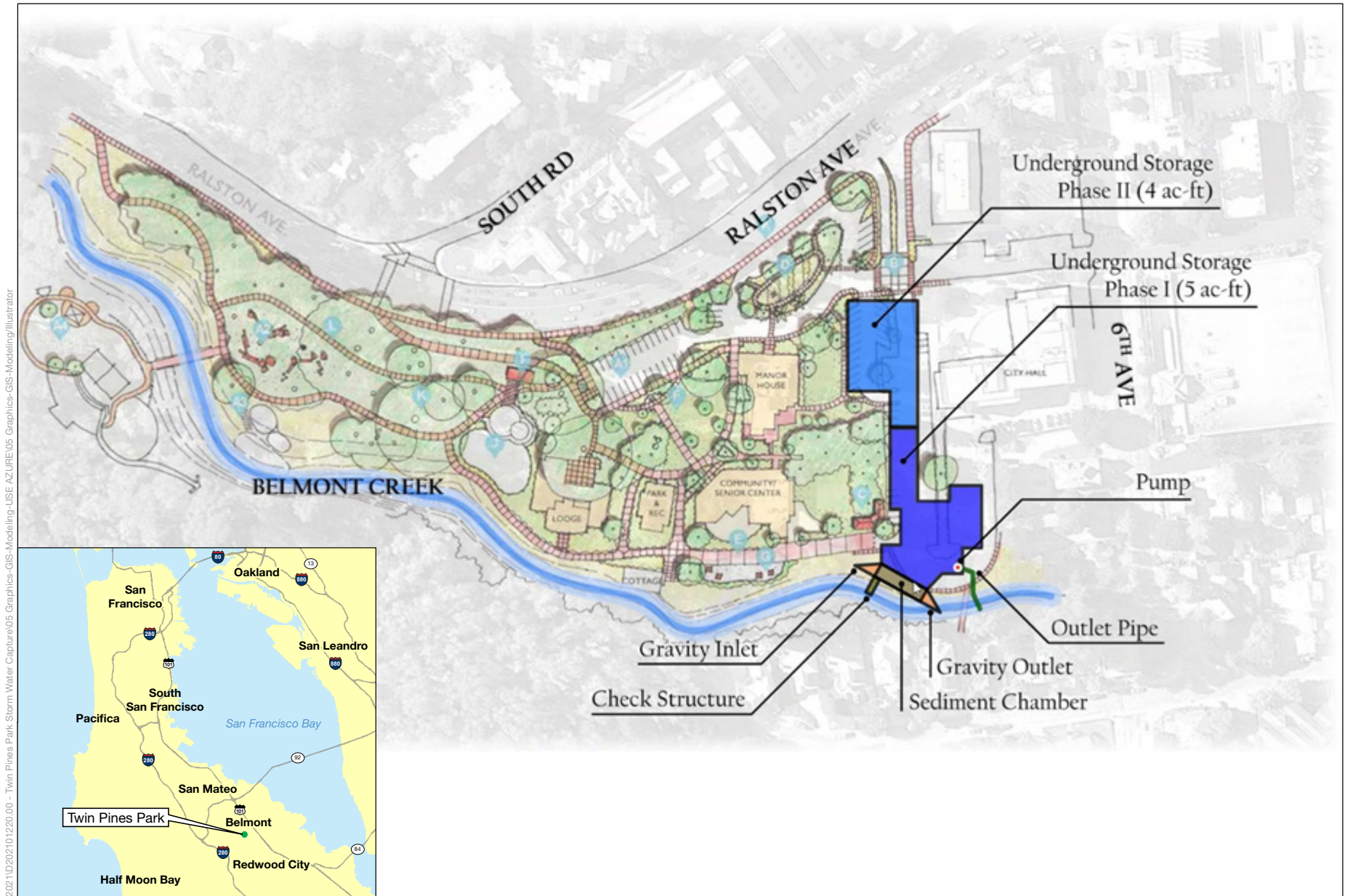
Elizabeth Wada

Elizabeth Wada, P.E., Associate Civil Engineer

October 2, 2023

Date

FIGURE 1 – Project Location and Components



SOURCE: Craftwater, 2023

Twin Pines Park Stormwater Detention Project

Figure 1
Project Location and Components