

Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Twin Pines Park Stormwater Detention Basin Project and Public Comment Period

State Clearinghouse #2023100139

Description: The Twin Pines Park Stormwater Detention Basin Project (Project) involves the 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 at the basin inlet and outlet within Belmont Creek, and an in-stream check structure in Belmont Creek.

Location: 1 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA (east of Ralston Avenue, and south of 6th Avenue)

Assessor Parcel Numbers: 045-170-080, 045-181-250, 045-181-230, and 045-181-280

The Project would have potentially significant environmental effects on air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural resources. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present at the project location. The Project site is not listed on any toxic sites databases.

The Draft EIR and documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for review online at the City of Belmont’s “Public Works Projects” webpage at: <https://www.belmont.gov/StormwaterBasin>.

Hard copies are available for review during normal business hours at the Belmont Library at 1110 Alameda De Las Pulgas or at Belmont City Hall at One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 310.

The public review period for this Draft EIR begins on **Tuesday, May 14, 2024** and ends on **Friday, June 28, 2024**. Written comments must be received at the Public Works Department by 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2024 to be addressed as part of the formal EIR review process. Please submit written comments to Elizabeth Wada via the following methods:

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


For the official record, please date and reference the project name, **Twin Pines Park Stormwater Detention Basin Project**.

Although CEQA does not require formal hearings at any stage of the environmental review process (CEQA Guidelines Section 15202[a]), it does encourage “wide public involvement,

formal and informal...to receive and evaluate public reactions to environmental issues” (CEQA Guidelines Section 15201) and requires the lead agency to provide the public with the opportunity to provide comments. The City, as lead agency, circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR for the proposed project on October 4, 2023. The NOP was distributed for a 30-day comment period that ended on November 3, 2023. Comments received on the NOP were considered in the preparation of the EIR. Appendix A of the Draft EIR contains the NOP and 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. To accommodate additional public input during the 45-day public review period, the City will hold a public hearing to request comments on the Draft EIR on **Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 1 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA. The City will receive comments on the Draft EIR at that time, though comments will be summarized, not transcribed verbatim.

Following the close of the public review period, the Public Works Department will prepare a Final EIR that will include responses to comments received during the review period. At least ten days prior to the public hearing to certify the EIR, the City’s responses to comments received during the public review period will be available for review and will be sent to those who have commented in writing on the EIR during the public review period.



Elizabeth Wada, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer

4/23/2024

Date