

Notice of Availability of Draft Initial Study



Greenwood Beach Restoration Project; Blackie's Pasture Park, Tiburon Blvd. Tiburon, CA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft initial Study (DIS) has been prepared for the Greenwood Beach Restoration Project. The project calls for the restoration and enhancement of Greenwood and Brunini beaches at Blackie's Pasture Park on Tiburon Blvd. using "nature-based" or "living shoreline" solutions to reduce rates of shoreline erosion, improve shoreline habitat and recreational values, and improve shoreline sea level rise resilience. The project includes:

- Restoring the mixed sand-gravel beach and salt marsh vegetation that had retained it at Greenwood Beach, with enhanced resistance to erosion.
- Replenish the existing Brunini Beach with mixed sand and gravel and expand it to the southeast.
- Using locally sourced sediments and/or beneficially reuse off-site navigational dredging sediments for beach restoration and enhancement to the extent feasible.
- Restoring native backshore and salt marsh vegetation communities.

The project would pre-empt the need for typical "emergency" shoreline erosion response of rip-rap placement and demonstrate the applicability of restoring bay beaches as a viable alternative to traditional rip-rap shoreline stabilization to inhibit shoreline erosion while providing habitat values for a number of species.

The project area is situated on lands owned by the Town of Tiburon (APNs: 055-041-18, 055-041-17, 055-014-12) and intertidal lands under a Public Trust easement held by the State of California. The site is accessed from the terminus of both Greenwood Beach Rd. and Blackie's Pasture Rd., from Tiburon Blvd.

A Draft Initial Study (DIS) has been prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The DIS indicates that the project could have significant impacts on the environment in the areas of biological resources and cultural resources. The DIS concludes that all potential impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through implementation of mitigation measures identified in the DIS.

The IS, as well as other project materials, is available for review at the Planning Division, Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California, and also at the Belvedere-Tiburon Public Library, 1501 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, CA. The DIS may be viewed after 5 P.M. on Wednesday June 26, 2024 on the Town's website at www.townoftiburon.org. Questions on the Initial Study and/or the project should be directed to Richard Grassetti at gecons@aol.com.

Written comments on the Draft Initial Study can be submitted at any time during the public review and comment period. The public review and comment period begins on, June 26, 2024 and ends at 5:00 P.M. on July 26, 2024. Written comments should be sent to Richard Grassetti @ gecons@aol.com.

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