



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### AND AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Hearing Date: **Thursday, July 23, 2020**  
 Time: **Not before 1:00 PM**  
 Location: **Visit [www.sfplanning.org](http://www.sfplanning.org) for details**  
 Case Type: **Environmental (Draft Environmental Impact Report)**  
 Hearing Body: **Planning Commission**

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Project Address: n/a  
 Cross Street(s): State Route 92/State Route 35  
 Block /Lot No.: Various  
 Zoning District(s): Various  
 Plan Area: SFPUC Peninsula Watershed

#### APPLICATION INFORMATION

Case No.: 2016-016100ENV  
 Building Permit: Not Applicable  
 Applicant/Agent: SFPUC  
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#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A Draft environmental impact report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project.

The project sponsor, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), proposes to improve and develop recreational trails and associated facilities located within the Peninsula Watershed in central San Mateo County. The Peninsula Watershed property is owned by the City and County of San Francisco and managed by the SFPUC. The project is a component of the SFPUC's Peninsula Watershed Management Plan. The project area includes watershed lands along the Fifield-Cahill ridge trail, which is approximately 1.5 miles north of the State Route 92 (S.R. 92)/State Route 35 (S.R. 35) intersection (north of the Skylawn Memorial Park), and watershed lands extending south from S.R. 92 approximately 6 miles to the Phleger Estate boundary and east from S.R. 35 a few hundred feet.

Primary project components proposed for areas north of S.R. 92 include a new 0.5-mile universal access loop trail (that would provide Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant access and parking), and a 50-car parking lot and restroom near the watershed's Cemetery Gate, as well as the transfer of a public access easement (from the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to the SFPUC) along an existing segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Skylawn Memorial Park. Project components proposed for areas south of S.R. 92 include a new 6-mile southern skyline ridge trail along S.R. 35, a 20-car parking lot, and two restrooms. Along the proposed southern skyline ridge trail, the SFPUC would install a prefabricated bridge to span a gulch that intersects the trail alignment.

The SFPUC is considering multiple public access program configurations with differing levels of restrictiveness. These access programs would apply to existing and new trail areas north and south of State Route 92, and cover a range of potential access controls – from supervised to unsupervised.

The project site is not included on any of the lists compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

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**DRAFT EIR:** The Draft EIR finds that implementation of the project could result in significant unavoidable project-level impacts related to biological resources and transportation and circulation. The Draft EIR provides a detailed project description, an analysis of physical environmental effects of the project, and identification of feasible mitigation measures and alternatives that would avoid or lessen the severity of project impacts. It is available for public review and comment on the San Francisco Planning Department's website at <https://sfplanning.org/environmental-review-documents>

The purpose of the public hearing is for the Planning Commission and Department staff to receive comments on the adequacy and accuracy of the EIR. The Planning Commission will not respond to any of the comments or take action on the project at this hearing. Please be advised that due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Planning Commission may be required to conduct this hearing remotely. Additional information may be found on the Department's website at [www.sfplanning.org](http://www.sfplanning.org). Certification of the Final EIR will be considered at a later hearing. Contact the planner below if you wish to be on the mailing list for future notices.

**NOTE:** This notice is being issued during the 60-day suspension of certain CEQA filing and posting requirements pursuant to Executive Order N-54-20, and its issuance complies with the alternative posting requirements stated in the order. This notice also 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.

**Public comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted from Thursday, June 25, 2020 to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2020.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE EIR, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear 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.

A USB or paper copy of the Draft EIR will be mailed upon request. Referenced materials will also be made available for review upon request. Please contact the project planner, Timothy Johnston, at [timothy.johnston@sfgov.org](mailto:timothy.johnston@sfgov.org) or (415) 575-9035. Written comments should be addressed to Timothy Johnston, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103, or emailed to [timothy.johnston@sfgov.org](mailto:timothy.johnston@sfgov.org). At the close of the public review period, the San Francisco Planning Department will prepare a Responses to Comments document to respond to all comments on the Draft EIR presented at the public hearing and received in writing during the public review period.