

ALAMEDA POINT & VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
July 14, 2015

CURRENT STATUS

Please review the attachment for current information.

NEXT STEPS

EBRPD staff will provide a verbal review to inform discussion.

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Alameda Point Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in an effort to implement its vision of “One VA” has developed plans for the construction of a complex that will provide health care, administration of veteran benefits, and burials at the old Alameda Naval Air Station (ANAS) property which closed in 1997 – 17 years ago. Transfer of the property from the Navy to the VA will be achieved through a no cost Fed to Fed transfer.



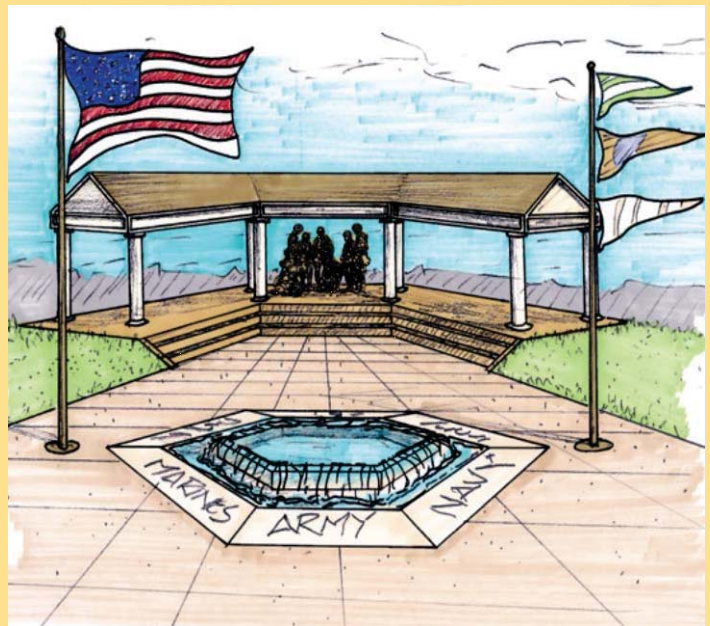
Stewardship of Listed Species

The land to be transferred to the VA includes a highly successful California Least Tern colony, the care of which will be transferred to the VA along with the site for its new veterans facilities. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is very concerned about the protection and management of a seasonal Least Tern colony as well as resident Brown Pelicans currently inhabiting the site. The District is a responsible and experienced steward of state- and federally- listed rare, threatened and/or endangered species and is very capable of managing the stewardship needs of the ANAS. The District is working with the VA, Navy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to include the construction of a Conservation Management Office in the VA’s plans, which would support management of the Least Tern colony and provide educational / interpretive opportunities for the public.



Veterans Memorial Park

In the District’s discussions with local VA representatives, there is a unique opportunity to do something special for our East Bay veteran community at this site. The District has proposed the development of a 150-acre regional park adjacent to the VA’s complex that could provide a serene place for veterans and their families to reflect and rehabilitate. As part of a new memorial park on this site, the District is exploring the potential to develop a memorial plaza that would be a tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for this country. The proposed park would also provide family picnic areas, year-round and seasonal trails offering outstanding waterfront vistas and healthy recreational opportunities, while also preserving sensitive natural resources. The park is proposed on property to be transferred from the Navy to the City at no cost and will require the development of a lease agreement between the City and the District.



Action Item

The District is asking elected officials to support the creation of a 150-acre regional Veterans Memorial Park.

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