

**POTENTIAL REGIONAL PARK
AT ALAMEDA POINT
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CURRENT STATUS

The following is an informational update on the status of the potential Regional Park at Alameda Point:

The East Bay Regional Park District (District) played a key role in gaining the Biological Opinion (for Alameda Point. The Biological Opinion is a vital component to the reuse of Alameda Point and contains provisions for the Regional Park in the Northwest Territories of Alameda Point. Clean up and conveyance of the Regional Park area are underway, while preliminary planning work on the Regional Park could begin now.

The District worked collaboratively with the City of Alameda (City), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy), and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a number of years in order to gain the Biological Opinion for the disposal and reuse of Alameda Point.

Navy operations at Alameda Point closed in 1997, and in 1999, FWS issued a Biological Opinion for the disposal and reuse of Alameda Point. In December 2005, FWS, VA and Navy met to discuss the VA's interest in acquiring approximately 580 acres of Alameda Point, including the California Least Tern colony protection area, for a VA project.

For 6 years (from 2005 until 2011), numerous unsuccessful negotiations occurred between FWS, VA, Navy, City and District regarding a Biological Opinion that addressed the disposal and reuse of Alameda Point including the VA project.

In October 2011, the District convened a meeting with the City, VA, Navy, and FWS and presented the District's Conceptual Alternative to the VA project. In April 2012, a follow up meeting occurred to discuss ongoing revisions to the VA project and the City's redevelopment plans including provisions for a FWS-approved regional park management agency in the Northwest Territories. In August 2012, FWS issued the Biological Opinion for Alameda Point.

The Biological Opinion contains the following provisions regarding the Regional Park:

- **Project Action for the City Property:** The current proposal for the NWT (Northwest Territories) includes a 147-acre regional park and 25 acres of the proposed sports complex.
- **Regional Park – The Regional Park could include the following:**
 - 20 acres of seasonal wetlands
 - Non-irrigated perennial and annual grasses over 45 percent of the park area
 - Irrigated rough mowed turf meadows covering 30 percent of the park area (no tree species capable of growing to greater than 20 feet in height shall be planted in the

Regional Park, and the density of trees and shrubs in this area shall not exceed one tree or shrub per 10,000 square feet)

- Group and family picnic areas comprised of picnic tables, barbeques, and drinking fountains, located near meadow areas and pathways, covering approximately 50,000 square feet
 - Self-closing trash receptacles will be dispersed throughout the Regional Park and will be emptied regularly to prevent availability of garbage to nuisance/predatory wildlife species
 - Observation areas with interpretive signage, benches and restrooms
 - A Veteran's memorial plaza with a footprint of approximately 25,000 square feet that will include structures no higher than 25 feet
 - 3.0 miles of asphalt-paved Bay Trail, 12 feet wide
 - 2.8 miles of asphalt-paved internal trails, 10 feet wide
 - Multiple asphalt-paved parking areas for approximately 800 cars, covering 5 acres
 - 8,000 linear feet of raised and re-armored bayside levees
 - Placement of approximately 400,000 cubic yards of fill material to create topography, which will not exceed 12 feet in height.
- Alameda Point Map: Regional Park (NWT) 147 acre; Northwest Territories (NWT)

NEXT STEPS

The environmental clean-up and conveyance of the Regional Park area are underway. The Navy is responsible for the clean-up of contamination at Alameda Point. It has spent over \$500 million in investigation and remediation efforts. The Regional Park area generally includes Installation Restoration (IS) Site 1 and IS Site 32. IS Site 1 is the former landfill that operated in the northwest corner from 1943 until 1956. Land use controls will allow passive recreational use (such as regional park use) of the site. IS Site 32 is the Northwestern Ordinance Storage Area. The Regional Park area is generally included in Phase 3 and Phase 4 conveyances from the Navy. The conveyances are anticipated to be completed within the next 4 to 6 years.

Attachments:

A – Map of Restoration Sites

B – Biological Opinion Map



