

# Ferry Point Pier

## SAFE REMOVAL

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The East Bay Regional Park District owns and operates Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, including the historic Ferry Point Pier which extends into the San Francisco Bay. The wooden pier is over 100 years old and damaged and must be removed for safety. Structures to be demolished and removed include the timber deck, stringers, pile caps, piles, and fender system. This includes removing over 1,000 toxic creosote-treated timber piles, and 16,500 square feet of toxic creosote-treated wood decking, from the San Francisco Bay. The iconic metal Gantry structure and the concrete fishing pier will remain.

### FAQS

**Why now?** The pier has deteriorated, and loose debris have become dangerous for commercial shipping channels and water-based recreation.

**What's wrong with the pier?** Built in the early 1900s, the historic Ferry Point Pier was once the western end of the Transcontinental Railroad and a ferry passenger terminal. After more than a century of wind, rain, sun, and waves, the original pier has mostly rotted. Chunks of the pier have fallen into the bay over the past two years creating hazards for commercial ships and watercraft. Over 70 percent of the wooden pilings, and 50 percent of the cross bracing, have deteriorated.

**Can the pier be repaired?** Extensive repairs would need to be conducted with only minimal future lifespan (20 years) and eventual removal. Most of the wood would need to be replaced meaning a rebuilt pier will have lost its historic value.

**Will the fishing dock be closed during the project?**

The concrete fishing pier will not be removed as part of this project but will be closed as needed to ensure public safety.

**How long will the project take?**

The Park District anticipates work beginning in late July, and it will take about 4-8 weeks to remove all the damaged wood above and below the water. The project was made possible by Environmental Protection Agency's San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund and the National Fish and Wildlife Service.

**\* INDICATES EXISTING FEATURES TO BE DEMOLISHED**



### OTHER PROJECT BENEFITS

The Ferry Point Pier Removal Project would help meet the goals established in the 2010 San Francisco Subtidal Habitat Goals Report prepared by the State Coastal Conservancy, which prioritizes removal of pilings and artificial structures to protect and restore aquatic habitats in the San Francisco Bay.

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