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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

### Environmental Impact Report for the Concord Hills Regional Park Land Use Plan

**Date:** October 18, 2019  
**Subject:** Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Concord Hills Regional Park Land Use Plan  
**Lead Agency:** East Bay Regional Park District  
**Project Title:** Concord Hills Regional Park Land Use Plan  
**Project Location:** Eastern portion of the City of Concord, along the border with the City of Pittsburg and unincorporated Contra Costa County  
**State Clearinghouse #** 2017062063

Notice is hereby given that the East Bay Regional Park District, as the Lead Agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Land Use Plan for a new “Concord Hills Regional Park.” The Park is planned for approximately 2,500 acres of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station, in Concord, CA.

A copy of the Draft EIR was sent to the State Clearinghouse on October 18, 2019. The Draft EIR is available for public review and comment and this notice is provided pursuant to Section 21092 of the State Public Resources Code.

**Draft EIR Viewing Locations:** Hard copies of the Draft EIR can be reviewed at the locations listed below and an electronic version can be viewed online at the District website:

<https://www.ebparks.org/about/planning/cnws.htm>

East Bay Regional Park District  
Administration Office  
2950 Peralta Oaks Ct.  
Oakland, California 94605-0381

Concord Public Library  
2900 Salvio St.  
Concord, CA 94519

Pittsburg Public Library  
80 Power Avenue  
Pittsburg, CA 94565

**Public Review and Comment Period:** A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR will start on Friday, October 18, 2019 and will end on Friday, December 6, 2019. **Please submit comments by 4:00 PM on Friday, December 6, 2019.**

**Public Meeting:** One public meeting on this Draft EIR will be held during the review period, to receive comments on the document. The meeting will be at the Park District Board Executive Committee, on **December 5, 2019, starting at 12:30 p.m., at the Park District Administrative office, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA.**

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**Commenting on the Draft EIR:** Comments on the Draft EIR may be made either in writing before the end of the comment period or orally at the aforementioned public meeting. Written comments should be mailed or e-mailed to:  
East Bay Regional Park District  
ATTN: Devan Reiff, AICP, Principal Planner  
2950 Peralta Oaks Court.  
Oakland, California 94605-0381

Written email comments on the Draft EIR should be addressed to: [dreiff@ebparks.org](mailto:dreiff@ebparks.org).

After the close of the public comment period, responses to the comments received on the Draft EIR will be prepared and published, and together with this Draft EIR will constitute the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR).

**Public Hearing:** Following the close of the Draft EIR comment period and preparation of a FEIR, the District's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider certification of the EIR, adoption of findings, and project approval. A separate notice of this meeting will be provided to those who comment on the Draft EIR and posted on the District's website when the date is determined. Board meetings are held at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland.

**Project Location and Project Description:** The Project creates a new regional park on approximately 2,500 acres of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station, within the City of Concord, in central Contra Costa County, at the boundary with the City of Pittsburg, and unincorporated Contra Costa County. The purpose of the proposed project is to establish a long-term vision to guide future decisions affecting use and management of the Concord Hills Regional Park. To implement this vision, the proposed project includes recommendations for trail and facility development; public access and recreation; land management; public safety; and natural and cultural resource protection. Adoption of the Land Use Plan will guide access and management of a new 2,543-acre regional park. The proposed project balances conservation of natural and cultural resources against public access and use. For project information, please visit: <https://www.ebparks.org/about/planning/cnws.htm>.

**Probable Environmental Effects of the Project:** The Draft EIR analyzed each of the subject areas identified in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Pursuant to CEQA, the District determined that the following environmental issue areas will have less than significant effects resulting from the implementation of the Project: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services and Recreation, Transportation, and Wildfire. The Draft EIR identifies the following categories as potentially significant: Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Transportation, and Utilities and Service Systems, but finds all impacts in these categories could be mitigated to below the threshold of significance.

**Hazardous Materials Notice:** CEQA requires this notice to disclose whether any listed hazardous materials sites are present at the location. As discussed in Chapter 4.8 of the Draft EIR, "Hazards and Hazardous Materials," the project site is listed on the National Priorities List, however, for large sites like the project site, it is unlikely that the entire property has known or threatened releases of hazardous substances. Furthermore, the Navy's Finding of Suitability to Transfer has determined that the project site is suitable for transfer under the Public Benefit Conveyance and is environmentally suitable for transfer by deed.

For more information, please check the District's website, listed above. Please contact Devan Reiff, at 510-544-2325 or [dreiff@ebparks.org](mailto:dreiff@ebparks.org) with questions or if translation is needed.

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