

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TIERED PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
VEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Marin County Open Space District (MCOSD) has completed a draft Tiered Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft TPEIR) for the draft Vegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan (VBMP). A copy of the Draft TPEIR is available for review at Marin County Parks, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260, San Rafael, California, 94903 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and at the Marin County Civic Center Library and other public libraries throughout Marin County. Marin County Parks has copies of the Draft TPEIR and VBMP available on USB flash drives and online at <http://www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/our-work/os-main-projects/vmp>. Copies of all documents incorporated by reference into the Draft TPEIR are available upon request.

The goals of the VBMP are to:

- Work with adjacent public landowners and partner agencies to create a consistent approach to vegetation management issues; establish, prioritize, and standardize vegetation management actions to increase public safety.
- Manage vegetation for the preservation and protection of native habitats and native species; ensure that the MCOSD preserves can withstand environmental changes over time.
- Coordinate vegetation and fire management actions to reduce fire risk, eliminate priority invasive plant infestations, increase public safety, and protect native habitats and native species.
- Provide the public with opportunities to engage in stewardship of the MCOSD lands through participation in volunteer vegetation management activities.
- Ensure the funding, support, and capacity necessary for the achievement of the other goals.

The VBMP would apply to all 34 of the MCOSD open space preserves, which are primarily in the eastern urbanized corridor of the county, but there are several preserves in West Marin.

The Draft TPEIR evaluates the project with respect to the following topical issues:

Consistency with Plans	Geology & Soils	Air Quality/Climate Change
Biological Resources	Hazards: Fire	Noise
Hydrology & Water Quality	Hazards - Herbicide Use	Aesthetics
		Cultural & Historic Resources

The MCOSD addressed the other CEQA topical issues identified in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines and Appendix N of Marin County's Environmental Impact Review Guidelines in an initial study released, as part of the Notice of Preparation, in November 2013.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this Notice of Availability of the Draft TPEIR commences a 60-day public review period beginning **May 6, 2015**. The MCOSD invites interested persons to review and comment on the Draft TPEIR. The MCOSD must receive written comments on the Draft TPEIR, **NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2015**. Interested parties can also send comments via e-mail to jraives@marincounty.org or faxed to Marin County Parks at (415) 473-3795 to the attention of James Raives, Senior Open Space Planner.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Marin County Parks and Open Space Commission will consider public comments on the draft TPEIR at its regularly scheduled public meeting on **May 21, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in the Planning Commission Chambers, Civic Center, Room 328, San Rafael, California. Please contact James Raives at (415) 473-3745 or jraives@marincounty.org for more information.

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All public meetings and events sponsored or conducted by the County of Marin are held in accessible sites. Requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-4381 (Voice/TTY/CRS dial 711) or by e-mail at disabilityaccess@marincounty.org at least four work days in advance. Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon written request.