

MCNEARS BEACH PARK MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Marin County Parks has completed a draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the draft McNears Beach Park Master Plan. A copy of the Draft IS/MND 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. Marin County Parks has copies of the Draft IS/MND and McNears Beach Park Master Plan available on USB flash drives and online at <http://www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/our-work/parks-main-projects/mcnears-beach>. Copies of all documents incorporated by reference into the Draft IS/MND are available upon request.

McNears Beach Park is a popular site, first developed for private use in the 1950's. Sited along San Pablo Bay, the park was acquired by the County of Marin in 1970 and opened to the public during that same year. This McNears Beach Park Master Plan was prepared by the Office of Cheryl Barton following nearly two years of development that included focus group sessions, a workshop, and a free day at the park where patrons were invited to give input. The new master plan provides a promenade along the shoreline creating better connectivity between the northern and southern portions of the park, a large zero entry swimming pool, splash pads, beach access, eating and conference facilities, a children's nature play area, a special event venue, a kayak launch, and upgraded picnic facilities. When completed, the revisioned park will include opportunities for water adventures, family picnics, kayaking, weddings and events.

The Initial Study evaluates the project with respect to the following topical issues:

Aesthetics	Agricultural and Forest Resources	Air Quality
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources	Geology and Soils
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Hydrology and Water
Quality		
Land Use Planning	Mineral Resources	Noise
Population and Housing	Public Services	Recreation
Transportation/Traffic	Utilities and Service Systems	

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this Notice of Availability of the Draft IS/MND commences a 30-day public review period beginning **February 6, 2017**. Marin County Parks invites interested persons to review and comment on the Draft IS/MND. Marin County Parks must receive written comments on the Draft IS/MND, **NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2017**. Interested parties can also send comments via e-mail to crRichardson@marincounty.org or faxed to Marin County Parks at (415) 473-7057 to the attention of Craig Richardson, Senior Open Space Planner.

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