

**Notice of Time Extension of Public Comment Period
Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (DEIS/DEIR)
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A Notice of Availability of a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report / Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Phase 1 Project was previously distributed to agencies, and interested parties, which started a 45-day public review and comment period on December 19, 2014. This notice is to announce that the comment period, which was set to end on February 2, 2015, has been extended by 21 days to 5 p.m. on February 23, 2015, to allow the public and agencies a total of 66-days to submit comments.

Topic: South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Phase 1 Project

What: The South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Phase 1 Project (Project) would implement tidal flood risk management for the urban area of north San Jose including the community of Alviso and the San Jose/Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility, and ecosystem restoration of approximately 3,000 acres of former salt pond for the area between Guadalupe River/Alviso Slough and Coyote Creek. All construction activities would be limited to the close vicinity of existing pond berms and ponds within these areas. Temporary easements would be acquired for access and staging areas.

Why: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the lead agency under NEPA, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District as the lead agency under CEQA, have prepared a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report/ Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (FR/EIS/EIR) to evaluate environmental impacts of the proposed Project. Results of the evaluation indicate that the proposed project has potential for significant effects on environmental and cultural resources including: geology and soils, land use, hydrology and water quality, botanical resources, hazards and hazardous materials, air quality and greenhouse gases, aesthetics, noise, and cultural resources. The majority of impacts were determined to be less than significant after the implementation of mitigation measures. The Project could have significant unavoidable impacts from land use incompatibility, loss of habitat in New Chicago Marsh, visual impacts from Alviso, alteration of the Alviso Salt Ponds Historic Landscape, loss of pond habitat by pond-specialist bird species, and construction related impacts to air quality and noise even after implementation of mitigation measures.

Public Review: The Draft FR/EIS/EIR will be available for public review and comment at the Water District (5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118) starting December 19, 2014. A copy of the document will also be available at the Alviso Branch Library (5050 N. First Street, Alviso, CA 95002) and the Milpitas Public Library (160 North Main Street, Milpitas, CA 95035). It can also be accessed online at: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Library/FreedomofInformationAct/FOIAHotTopics.aspx> and <http://www.valleywater.org/PublicReviewDocuments.aspx>. The public comment period closes at **5 p.m. on February 23, 2015.**

Contact: Comments on the Draft FR/EIS/EIR should be submitted via mail or electronically, by **5 p.m. on February 23, 2015**, to:

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