

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Southern Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve Land Use Plan Amendment

Date: October 31, 2022
Subject: Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Southern Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve Land Use Plan Amendment
Lead Agency: East Bay Regional Park District
Project Title: Southern Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve Land Use Plan Amendment
Project Location: South-central portion of Contra Costa County, on the western periphery of the Town of Danville and City of San Ramon, and unincorporated Contra Costa County
State Clearinghouse # 2019071058

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 Amendment for the southern portion of Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve (Project).

A copy of the Draft EIR was sent to the State Clearinghouse on October 31, 2022. 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 Park District website:

<https://www.ebparks.org/projects/southern-las-trampas-land-use-plan-amendment-lupa>

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

Danville Library
400 Front Street
Danville, CA 94526

San Ramon Library
100 Montgomery Street
San Ramon, CA 94583

Public Review and Comment Period: A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR will start on Monday, October 31, 2022 and will end on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. **Please submit comments by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.**

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 held online by the Park District Park Advisory Committee, on **Monday, November 28, 2022, starting at 4:00PM**. It is preferred that those requesting to speak during the meeting contact Government Affairs at GovAffairs@ebparks.org on or before **Friday, November 25, 2022** via email or voicemail (510) 544-2024 to provide name and the subject of the public comment or item to be addressed.

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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: Kim Thai, Senior Planner
2950 Peralta Oaks Court
Oakland, California 94605-0381

Written email comments on the Draft EIR should be addressed to: kthai@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 Park 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 Park District's website when the date is determined. Board meetings are held at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA.

Project Location and Project Description: The Project is located in the southern portion of Las Trampas in Contra Costa County, adjacent to the City of San Ramon and Town of Danville. Proposed project components consist of appending 756 acres of land into Las Trampas Regional Wilderness; construction and operation of new trail connections, one new 25-car staging area along Bollinger Canyon Road, and two walk-in entrances.

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 Park 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: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Transportation, and Wildfire, but finds all impacts in these categories could be mitigated to below the threshold of significance.

For more information, please check the Park District's website, listed above. Please contact Kim Thai at 510-544-2320 or kthai@ebparks.org with questions or if translation is needed.