



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tribal Notification Regarding Tribal Cultural Resources and CEQA

Date: January 7, 2019
Case No.: 2018-007883ENV
Project Address: **Balboa Reservoir Project**
Zoning: P [Public] Use District
40-X and 65-A Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 3180/190
Lot Size: Approximately 17 acres
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project site is bounded by Archbishop Riordan High School to the north, City College of San Francisco Ocean Campus to the east, multi-family residential development along Ocean Avenue to the south, and Westwood Park neighborhood to the west. The site currently contains 1,007 surface vehicular parking spaces.

The project site is the western portion of a once-larger 28-acre Balboa Reservoir site. In 1957, the San Francisco Water Department (now the SFPUC) began excavation with water storage in mind, creating north and south basins separated by an east-west berm. The SFPUC never filled or used the basins for water storage. In 2012, a series of land transfers between various public agencies resulted in the reconfiguration of the SFPUC's original Balboa Reservoir land holdings. The City removed the east-west berm, and the City reconfigured the 28-acre property into western and eastern portions. City College now owns the 10.4-acre east basin and SFPUC owns the 17.6-acre west basin (the project site). City College filled and developed the east basin in 2010 with a surface parking lot and a multi-use building.

The proposed project would develop the site with up to 1.8 million gross square feet of uses, including up to 1.8 million gross square feet of uses, including 1.5 million gross square feet of residential space, 10,000 gross square feet of community space, 7,500 gross square feet of retail, 1,300 vehicle parking spaces, and new streets, utilities, and other infrastructure.

The project site slopes gently upward from west to east. There are also 18- and 30-foot increases in elevation between the project site bottom and the top of the eastern and northern slopes, respectively. The proposed project would require removal of the west side berm, and north and east embankments, with the soil redistributed and used as fill to raise the grade of the project site such that once constructed, the ground floor levels of the buildings, pathways, and roadways would match the grades of adjacent areas along each side of the site.

The proposed grading plan intends to balance the site and use as much cut soil as fill soil in other areas of the site, minimizing or eliminating the need for either soil import or export. The approximately 171,000 cubic yards of cut and excavated material would include concrete, asphalt, and soil from the berms and embankments and the parking lot, of which approximately 115,000 cubic yards would be recycled and re-used onsite. Under one option, a below-grade public parking garage would require excavation to a depth of approximately 20 feet.

ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE INFORMATION:

[Brief statement of whether the site contains any known prehistoric archeological features.]

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is being studied by the Planning Department's Environmental Planning Division to determine its potential environmental effects. No environmental documents have been issued for this project.

Pursuant to State law under Assembly Bill 52 (Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1), please respond in writing within 30 calendar days, i.e., by February 6, 2018 if you wish to request consultation regarding possible significant effects that the proposed project may have on tribal cultural resources (TCRs). The consultation may include discussion concerning the type of environmental review necessary, the identification, presence and significance of TCRs, the significance of the project's impacts on TCRs, and, as warranted, mitigation measures and alternatives.

Please send your written request for consultation regarding this project to **Lisa Gibson, Environmental Review Officer, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103**, or lisa.gibson@sfgov.org and reference the project title and case number indicated above. In your written response, please indicate a lead contact person.

Additionally, if you have any information regarding TCRs within the project area or if you have questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact Allison Vanderslice at (415) 575-9075, or allison.vanderslice@sfgov.org.

If you do respond within 30 days indicating that you wish to engage in consultation, but you do not identify a lead contact person, or you designate multiple people, the Planning Department will defer to the individual listed on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission. Thank you.