

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ROCKAWAY QUARRY RECLAMATION PLAN PROJECT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #2020090036

PROJECT TITLE: Rockaway Quarry Reclamation Plan Project

PROJECT SPONSOR: Baylands Soil Pacifica, LLC

PROJECT LOCATION: Approximately 500 feet west of the intersection of State Route 1 (SR-1)

and Reina del Mar Avenue, Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 018-150-120 and APN 018-150-150, within the City of Pacifica, County of San Mateo

DATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: February 16, 2022

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: February 16 through April 4, 2022 (5:00 pm)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Pacifica ("City") has prepared a draft environmental impact report (DEIR) pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Rockaway Quarry Reclamation Plan project ("Project"). The City is making the DEIR available for a 45-day public review and comment period as indicated in this Notice of Availability.

## **Summary Project Description:**

The City is processing several entitlements, including a Quarry Use Permit, Heritage Tree Removal Authorization, Logging Operation Authorization, Variance, Rezoning to the P-D (Planned Development) zoning district, Development Plan, and Specific Plan, for the Project. The City anticipates that other Trustee Agencies will also rely on the DEIR for other applications, including, but not limited to, a coastal development permit (CDP), Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit (United States Army Corps of Engineers), Section 7 Biological Opinion (United States Fish and Wildlife Service), Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board), and State Mining and Reclamation Act Compliance Review (California Department of Conservation, Division of Mine Reclamation).

The Project would include removal of 38 trees including 16 heritage trees, grading, drainage improvements, and revegetation to reclaim the nonoperational former Rockaway Quarry. The Rockaway Quarry site consists of two parcels: the 47.13-acre Quarry Parcel, located in the west of the site nearest the Pacific Ocean, consisting of steep slopes; and, the 39.09-acre Eastern Parcel, located in the east of the site nearest SR-1, consisting of mostly flat areas. The majority of the reclamation activity would occur on the Quarry Parcel, with minor site improvements such as grading for access roads and through truck traffic occurring on the Eastern Parcel. The Project would involve earthwork to regrade the over-steepened slopes of the former Quarry into a safe condition, installation of new drainage infrastructure, and construction of new unpaved trails. The Eastern Parcel would be reclaimed to include the restoration of a seasonal wetland and a California Red-Legged Frog pond. The Project would require the import of approximately 970,000 cubic yards of fill material. The DEIR contains a detailed project description including all activities proposed with the Project.

#### **Environmental Review:**

The DEIR, prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, evaluates the potentially significant environmental impacts of implementing the Project and seven alternatives, one of which is the No Project alternative. The DEIR identifies potentially significant environmental impacts to the following CEQA environmental factors: Biological Resources; Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils/Mineral Resources; Hydrology and Water Quality; Noise; and Transportation.

The DEIR concludes that potentially significant environmental impacts related to Biological Resources; Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils/Mineral Resources; Hydrology and Water Quality; Noise; and Transportation can be mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

The Project area does not include any known hazardous waste sites that are enumerated on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

#### **Public Review and Comment:**

The public review and comment period for the Project, including the DEIR, is February 16 through April 4, 2022 (5:00 pm). All comments received during the review period will be considered by the City prior to finalizing the DEIR and making a decision on the Project. Any interested party may comment on the Project, including the DEIR. Comments on the DEIR should focus on its sufficiency in analyzing possible impacts on the physical environment and ways in which potential adverse effects might be minimized in light of the DEIR's purpose to provide information about such factors.

Comments must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2022**. All comments must be in writing. Please be sure to include your name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number with your comment. Please send comments to the following address:

Christian Murdock, AICP, Deputy Director of Planning City of Pacifica Planning Department 540 Crespi Drive, Pacifica, California 94044

Email: publiccomment@pacifica.gov

There are no scheduled public meetings or hearings for consideration of the Project, including the DEIR, at this time. The City will provide notices as required by law prior to any public meeting or hearing on these items.

### **Document Availability:**

The DEIR and Project details are available for review online at:

http://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/planning/environmental\_documents

Printed copies of these documents are available for public review in the Planning Department, 540 Crespi Drive, Pacifica, California 94044, during normal business hours of Monday-Tuesday-Thursday, 8 AM to 5 PM (except 12:30-1:30 PM); Wednesday, 8 AM to 7:30 PM (except 12:30-1:30 PM); and, Friday, 8 AM to 1 PM. Printed copies are also available at both libraries located within the City of Pacifica: Sharp Park Library (104 Hilton Way) and Sanchez Library (1111 Terra Nova Boulevard).