

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
For Aramburu Island Shoreline Protection and Ecological Enhancement Project
Public Review Period: 30 days**

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project. The project applicant is the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary.

Description. The Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary proposes to implement Shoreline Protection and Ecological Enhancement features in submerged and upland portions of Aramburu Island, in Richardson Bay, Marin County. Beach stabilization features would reduce or prevent further erosion of the eastern shore of the island. Creation of improved and diversified native habitats would increase wildlife and bird use of the island and would improve access for harbor seals. The project would involve seasonal construction, including grading, installation of imported material, and revegetation. Seasonal construction (as determined by the resources agencies) is estimated to start in October 2010 and be completed by December 2011.

Potential Impacts. The proposed project has the potential to result in adverse impacts on the following environmental factors: air quality, biological resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, and noise. With implementation of the mitigation measures identified in this document, potential significant impacts would be avoided, minimized, reduced, or rectified to a level that is less than significant. The project would not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to an existing cumulative impact related to similar projects within the region.

Environmental Review. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, together with its consultants, has prepared an Initial Study and proposed draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The document is available for review at the following locations:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board,
San Francisco Bay Region
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-2300

Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary
376 Greenwood Beach Road
Tiburon, CA 94920
<http://www.tiburonaudubon.org//>

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/>

Persons interested in reviewing or receiving the documents may contact Sandi Potter at: (510) 622-2426

Comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received *in writing* by the end of the review period, which is August 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Submit comments to:
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