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Deputy County Clerk

**PUBLIC
NOTICE**

Notice of Determination of Environmental Impact Report

Date: June 2, 2021
Case No.: **2016-016100ENV**
State Clearinghouse No.: 1998082030
Project Title: **Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension**
Zoning: Resource Management District and Residential Estates District
Block/Lot: Various
Lot Size: Various
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Scott MacPherson - 415.551.4525
smacpherson@sfgwater.org
Staff Contact: Timothy Johnston - 628.652.7569
timothy.johnston@sfgov.org

To: County Clerk
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall Room 168
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines of the Secretary for Resources, and San Francisco requirements, this Notice of Determination is transmitted to you for filing. At the end of the posting period, please return this Notice to the Staff Contact with a notation of the period it was posted.

Attached fee:

X \$71.00 filing fee

AND

X \$3,445.25 California Department of Fish and Wildlife
EIR fee

Project Description

The project sponsor, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), proposes to improve and develop recreational trails and associated facilities located within the Peninsula Watershed in central San Mateo County. The Peninsula Watershed property is owned by the City and County of San Francisco and managed by the SFPUC. The project is a component of the SFPUC's Peninsula Watershed Management Plan. The project area includes watershed lands along the Fifiel-Cahill ridge trail, which is approximately 1.5 miles north of the State Route 92 (S.R. 92)/State Route 35 (S.R. 35) intersection (north of the Skylawn Memorial Park), and watershed lands extending south from S.R. 92 approximately 6 miles to the Phleger Estate boundary and east from S.R. 35 a few hundred feet.

Primary project components proposed for areas north of S.R. 92 include a new 0.5-mile universal access loop trail (that would provide Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant access and parking), and a 50-car parking lot and restroom near the watershed's Cemetery Gate, as well as the transfer of a public access easement (from the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to the SFPUC) along an existing segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through Skylawn Memorial Park. Project components proposed for areas south of S.R. 92 include a new 6-mile southern skyline ridge trail along S.R. 35, a 20-car parking lot, and two restrooms. Along the proposed southern skyline ridge trail, the SFPUC would install a prefabricated bridge to span a gulch that intersects the trail alignment.

Under the Project, visitor access would be managed differently for the Fifiel-Cahill and southern skyline ridge trails. Visitors to the Fifiel-Cahill ridge trail would need a reservation and the supervision of a trained volunteer (i.e., docent), similar to current access restrictions. Visitors to the southern skyline ridge trail would need to obtain an access permit, but would not require a reservation or docent. For both trails, access would be provided via designated trailheads and watershed access points. Each of these access points would have a lockable gate, which would remain locked except during the designated access hours.

Determination

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the above described Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension project on June 2, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the project. A copy of the document(s) may be examined online at <https://sfplanning.org/environmental-review>, or by contacting Timothy Johnston at timothy.johnston@sfgov.org or (628) 652-7569.

1. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
2. A determination has been made that the project in its approved form will have a significant effect on the environment and findings were made pursuant to Section 15091 and a statement of overriding considerations was adopted pursuant to Section 15093.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.

NOTE: This notice is being issued during the suspension of certain CEQA filing and posting requirements pursuant to executive orders N-54-20 and N-80-20, and its issuance complies with the alternative posting requirements stated in the order. This notice also complies with local requirements under the March 23rd Fifth Supplement to the Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Dated February 25, 2020.

Rich Hillis
Planning Director



For
By Lisa Gibson

Environmental Review Officer

cc: Scott MacPherson, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Approved
by Elijah Davidian
on 6/7/2021 7:14 AM

Visit the City's new website, [SF.gov](https://sf.gov)

Office of the County Clerk

Environmental Impact Documents

The Office of the County Clerk is currently closed to the public to prevent the spread of COVID-19. For available services, application information and processing times, go to [County Clerk Services During COVID-19 Response](#).

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notices

Environmental impact documents, agendas, and notices are filed with the Office of the County Clerk and are posted for 30 days. All notices will be posted within 24 hours of receipt in the County Clerk's Office (Public Resources Code 21152(c)).

Select for CEQA Online Postings

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was adopted in 1970 and incorporated in the Public Resources Code Section 21000-21177. Its basic purposes are to: inform governmental decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental effects of proposed activities; identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced; require changes in project through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when feasible; and disclose to the public the reasons why a project was approved if significant environmental effects are involved. CEQA applies to projects undertaken, funded or requiring an issuance of a permit by a public agency.

A **Notice of Determination (NOD)** is a notice filed with the County Clerk's Office following project approval which describes a project and identifies expected environmental impacts, if any. The type of determination is specified in the notice (**Negative Declaration** or **Mitigated Negative Declaration**) and indicates if California Department of Fish and Wildlife fees are required. A filing of a Notice of Determination starts a 30-day period for legal challenge.

A **Notice of Exemption (NOE)** is a brief notice filed at the County Clerk's office, which states the Lead Agency has approved or will carry out a project that is exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

An **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** is a detailed report about a project's environmental effects, ways to minimize the project's significant environmental effects, and reasonable alternatives to the project.

Fish and Wildlife filings are governed by California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 753.5 and Fish and Wildlife Code Collection of Filing Fees.

How to File an Environmental Impact Document with the County Clerk

Submit an original (must be original document, no electronic submittals) and four copies of the document, and self-address

envelope for return of the document after posting. Filings (including an original document) should be submitted in-person or mailed to the Office of the County Clerk. For address, office hours and contact information please go to Contact Us

Below is the table of current fees. ~~There is an additional \$71 County Clerk Processing Fee for each CEQA notice filed with the County Clerk's Office.~~

CEQA Filing Document	
Fee Type	
Fee Beginning January 1, 2021	
Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND)	
CEQA Filing County Clerk Processing	
	\$2,480.25 \$71.00
Notice of Determination - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)	
CEQA Filing County Clerk Processing	
	\$2,480.25 \$71.00
Notice of Exemption (NOE)	
CEQA Filing County Clerk Processing	
	No CEQA Fee \$71.00
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	
CEQA Filing County Clerk Processing	
	\$3,445.25 \$71.00

There is no charge for posting all other notices (Notice of Public Hearing, Notice of Intent, Notice of Availability, etc.).



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2021 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/21) Previously DFG 753.5a

NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090