



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Planning Commission Motion No. 20730

HEARING DATE: MAY 28, 2020

*Case No.:* 2018-007883ENV  
*Project Title:* **Balboa Reservoir Project**  
*Zoning:* P (Public)  
40-X and 65-X Height District  
Balboa Park Station Plan Area  
*Block/Lot:* Assessor's Block 3180/Lot 190  
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED BALBOA RESERVOIR PROJECT. THE SUBSEQUENT EIR EVALUATES TWO DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR THE SITE'S RESIDENTIAL DENSITY: (1) THE DEVELOPER'S PROPOSED OPTION (1,100 DWELLING UNITS), PROPOSED BY RESERVOIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS LLC; AND (2) THE ADDITIONAL HOUSING OPTION (1,550 DWELLING UNITS), PROPOSED BY THE CITY. OVERALL, THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD CONSTRUCT UP TO APPROXIMATELY 1.8 MILLION GROSS SQUARE FEET OF USES, INCLUDING BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY 1.3 AND 1.5 MILLION GROSS SQUARE FEET OF RESIDENTIAL SPACE, APPROXIMATELY 10,000 GROSS SQUARE FEET OF COMMUNITY SPACE, APPROXIMATELY 7,500 GROSS SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL, UP TO 550 RESIDENTIAL PARKING SPACES AND 750 PUBLIC PARKING SPACES IN THE DEVELOPER'S PROPOSED OPTION, AND UP TO 650 RESIDENTIAL PARKING SPACES IN THE ADDITIONAL HOUSING OPTION. THE BUILDINGS WOULD RANGE IN HEIGHT FROM 25 TO 78 FEET IN THE DEVELOPER'S PROPOSED OPTION AND FROM 25 TO 88 FEET IN THE ADDITIONAL HOUSING OPTION.

MOVED, that the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") hereby CERTIFIES the final subsequent environmental impact report identified as Case No. 2018-0078838ENV, the "Balboa Reservoir Project" (hereinafter "Project"), based upon the following findings:

1. The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") fulfilled all procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Admin.

Code Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.*, (hereinafter “CEQA Guidelines”), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (hereinafter “Chapter 31”).

- A. The Department determined that an environmental impact report (hereinafter “EIR”) was required and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on October 10, 2018.
  - B. The Department held a public scoping meeting on October 30, 2018, in order to solicit public comment on the scope of the Project’s environmental review.
  - C. On August 7, 2019, the Department published the draft subsequent environmental impact report (hereinafter “DSEIR”) and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DSEIR for public review and comment and of the date and time of the Planning Commission public hearing on the DSEIR; this notice was mailed to the Department’s list of persons requesting such notice.
  - D. Notices of availability of the DSEIR and of the date and time of the public hearing were posted near the project site on August 7, 2019.
  - E. On August 7, 2019, copies of the DSEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DSEIR, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse.
  - F. A Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on August 7, 2019.
2. The Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on said DSEIR on September 12, 2019, at which opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment was received on the DSEIR. The period for acceptance of written comments ended on September 23, 2019.
  3. The Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the 47-day public review period for the DSEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DSEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, and corrected errors in the DSEIR. This material was presented in a responses to comments (RTC) document published on April 29, 2020 and distributed to the Commission; other boards, commissions and departments that will carry out or approve the project; and all parties who commented on the DSEIR. The RTC document was also made available to others upon request.
  4. A final subsequent environmental impact report (hereinafter “FSEIR”) has been prepared by the Department, consisting of the DSEIR, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available, and the RTC document, all as required by law.

5. Project EIR files have been made available for review by the Commission and the public. These files are available for public review at <http://ab900balboa.com/>, and are part of the record before the Commission.
6. On May 28, 2020, the Commission reviewed and considered the information contained in the FSEIR and hereby does find that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FSEIR was prepared, publicized, and reviewed comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
7. The Planning Commission hereby does find that the FSEIR concerning File No. 2018-007883ENV reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate, and objective, and that the RTC document contains no significant revisions to the DSEIR that would require recirculation of the document pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15088.5, and hereby does CERTIFY THE COMPLETION of said FSEIR in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
8. The Commission, in certifying the completion of said FSEIR, hereby does find that the Project described in the FSEIR would have the following significant unavoidable environmental impacts, which cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance:
  - A. **TR-6b:** Operation of the proposed project, including proposed street network changes, would impact existing passenger and freight loading zones along Lee Avenue between Ocean Avenue and the project site, and may create potentially hazardous conditions for people bicycling and may substantially delay public transit.
  - B. **C-TR-4:** The proposed project, in combination with reasonably foreseeable future projects, may result in a potentially significant cumulative impact related to public transit delay and the project could contribute considerably.
  - C. **C-TR-6b:** Operation of the proposed project, including proposed street network changes, in combination with reasonably foreseeable future projects, would impact existing passenger and freight loading zones along Lee Avenue between Ocean Avenue and the project site, and may create potentially hazardous conditions for people bicycling and may substantially delay public transit.
  - D. **NO-1:** Project construction would cause a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels at noise-sensitive receptors above levels existing without the project.
  - E. **C-NO-1:** Cumulative construction of the proposed project, in combination with construction of reasonably foreseeable future projects, could cause a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels.
  - F. **AQ-2a:** During construction, the proposed project would generate criteria air pollutants which would violate an air quality standard, contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation, or result in a cumulatively considerable net increase in criteria air pollutants.

- G. **AQ-4:** Construction and operation of the proposed project would generate toxic air contaminants, including DPM, which could expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.
  - H. **C-AQ-1:** The proposed project, in combination with reasonably foreseeable future projects, would contribute to cumulative regional air quality
  - I. **C-AQ-2:** The proposed project, in combination with reasonably foreseeable future projects, could contribute to cumulative health risk impacts on sensitive receptors.
9. The Commission reviewed and considered the information contained in the FSEIR prior to approving the Project.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was ADOPTED by the Planning Commission at its regular meeting May 28, 2020.



Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES: Koppel, Moore, Chan, Diamond, Fung, Imperial, Johnson  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ADOPTED: May 28, 2020