

Public Notice

November 4, 2011

Proposed *San Francisco Bay Plan* Amendment No. 4-11

Public Hearing on Possible *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan* Amendments Concerning Changes to Open Water Basin Policies.

Notice is hereby given that the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission will consider an amendment to the *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan*. The proposed amendment would address the open water basin policies of the Special Area Plan that apply to Brannan Street Wharf Open Water Basin, the Rincon Point Open Water Basin, the Northeast Wharf Open Water Basin and the Broadway Open Water Basin. The proposed amendment would allow for the temporary use of the Brannan Street Wharf Open Water Basin to moor racing yachts participating in the AC34 events, a portion of the Rincon Point Open Water Basin to berth large, private yachts, the Broadway Open Water Basin for the berthing of private yachts and the Northeast Wharf Open Water Basin for the berthing of a variety of vessels during the 34th America's Cup 2012 and 2013 events, provided that the public benefits associated with the Special Area Plan amendment meet or exceed those currently required in the Special Area Plan related to fill removal, public access, views and open spaces.

A **Public Hearing** on the possible amendment scheduled to be held on **January 5, 2012 at the Ferry Building, San Francisco, California**, starting at 1:00 P.M. At least thirty days prior to the initial meeting, the staff will prepare and mail a staff report and preliminary recommendation on the proposed amendment. Interested persons may request the staff report and present written comments on or before January 5, 2012. Oral comments may be presented at the Commission meetings or thereafter as directed by the Commission.

This **Notice** is prepared in conformance with Section 66652 of the California Government Code, Section 11001 of Title 14, Division 5 of the California Code of Regulations, and Section 312 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1980. If, after the hearings, the Commission adopts an amendment to the *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan* described in this notice and subsequent staff report, such amendment will be processed as a routine program change of the Commission's federally-approved coastal management program for San Francisco Bay. Any federal agency interested should, therefore, comment to the Commission on or before January 5, 2012. Any written comment received subsequent to the close of the public hearing and public comment period will be distributed to the Commission; however, the staff will not provide a response to the comment in its staff recommendation, but will advise the Commission whether it believes the comment raises a new, substantial issue. If the Commission determines that the comment raises a new, substantial issue, the Commission may reopen the public hearing, and the staff would prepare and distribute a new planning report.

Whether the Special Area Plan should be amended as described above, and in what manner, will be the subject of the public hearings and Commission deliberations.



Further information concerning the proposed amendment can be obtained by contacting Ms. Lindy Lowe at the Commission's office, 50 California Street, Suite 2600, San Francisco, California 94111, telephone (415) 352-3642, e-mail lindy1@bcdc.ca.gov.