

APPENDIX B COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION

This appendix includes the following:

Comments received during scoping

Scoping meeting agenda

Scoping meeting sign-in sheet

Scoping meeting presentation graphics

Scoping meeting minutes

Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins Project

List of Scoping Comments

Number	Name	Affiliation	Date
1	Scott Morgan	State of California, Governor's Office of Planning and research, State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit	February 8, 2010
2	David A. Gutierrez	Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD)	March 11, 2010
3	Matt Tuggle	Solano County, Department of Resource Management, Public Works Engineering	March 8, 2010
4	Martha Ramos-Hernandez	AT&T	March 4, 2010
5	Tim Miles	Department of Toxic Substances Control, Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program	March 9, 2010
6	Natalie Kitch	Property Owner	February 17, 2010
7	Kevin Smith	Resident	February 18, 2010
8	Tom Falla	Resident	March 4, 2010
9	Jason and Sandy Perkins	Residents	March 8, 2010
10	Mark and Lin Giannini	Residents	March 9, 2010
11	Jeffrey and Althea Leggitt	Residents	March 9, 2010



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE of PLANNING AND RESEARCH
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



CYNTHIA BRYANT
DIRECTOR

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February 8, 2010

To: Reviewing Agencies
Re: Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins
SCH# 2010022023

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Deborah Faaborg
City of Vacaville
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Acting Director

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2010022023
Project Title Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins
Lead Agency Vacaville, City of

Type NOP Notice of Preparation
Description Construction of two off-line storm water detention basins, one adjacent to Alamo Creek on a 79 acre site, and one adjacent to Ulatis Creek on a 50 acre site. Both basins would be upstream and northwest of the City within an unincorporated portion of Solano County. The detention basins would increase storm water detention along Alamo and Ulatis Creeks during peak storm events, resulting in a decrease in future flooding within established neighborhoods in the City of Vacaville. Each basin has independent utility and either may be constructed as a stand alone project.

Lead Agency Contact

Name Deborah Faaborg
Agency City of Vacaville
Phone (707) 449-5170
email
Address 650 Merchant Street
City Vacaville
State CA **Zip** 95688
Fax

Project Location

County Solano
City Vacaville
Region
Cross Streets Vaca Valley Road, Rogers Land and Bucktown Lane
Lat / Long 38° 22.4' N / 122° 01.1' W
Parcel No. 124-010-210,-130;124-160-040...
Township 6N **Range** 1W **Section** **Base**

Proximity to:

Highways I-80
Airports
Railways
Waterways Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek
Schools Orchard Elementary, Jepson MS
Land Use GP: Exclusive Agriculture
Z: A-40, Exclusive Agriculture District

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Noise; Public Services; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Wetland/Riparian; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Game, Region 3; Office of Emergency Management Agency, California; Native American Heritage Commission; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 4; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 5 (Sacramento)

Date Received 02/08/2010 **Start of Review** 02/08/2010 **End of Review** 03/09/2010

Resources Agency	UNRY	County: SOLANO	SCH#: ZULUZZUZ	Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region 2 Jeff Drongesen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Utilities Commission Leo Wong	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caltrans, District 8 Dan Kopulsky
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency Nadell Gayou	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Santa Monica Bay Restoration Guangyu Wang	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caltrans, District 9 Gayle Rosander
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Boating & Waterways Mike Sotelo	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Lands Commission Marina Brand	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caltrans, District 10 Tom Dumas
<input type="checkbox"/> California Coastal Commission Elizabeth A. Fuchs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Cherry Jacques	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caltrans, District 11 Jacob Armstrong
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board Gerald R. Zimmerman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Business, Trans & Housing</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caltrans, District 12 Chris Herre
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<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board James Herota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Other Departments</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	California Department of Resources, Recycling & Recovery Sue O'Leary
<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Dev't. Comm. Steve McAdam	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food & Agriculture Steve Shaffer	<input type="checkbox"/>	RWQCB 5F Central Valley Region (5) Fresno Branch Office
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		<u>Independent Commissions, Boards</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RWQCB 9 San Diego Region (9)
		Delta Protection Commission Linda Flack	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
		Cal EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Dennis Castrillo	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Governor's Office of Planning & Research State Clearinghouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Native American Heritage Comm. Debbie Treadway	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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		State Water Resources Control Board Steven Herrera Division of Water Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Dept. of Toxic Substances Control CEQA Tracking Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Department of Pesticide Regulation CEQA Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Ms. Deborah Faaborg
 Environmental Project Manager
 City of Vacaville Public Works Department
 650 Merchant Street
 Vacaville, California 95688

SCH #2010022023, Notice of Preparation for the Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek
 Detention Project, Draft Environmental Impact Report
 Solano County

Dear Ms. Faaborg:

We have reviewed the subject Notice for this project which includes the construction of two jurisdictional size dams. The City of Vacaville has submitted construction applications for these two dams. We are currently reviewing the submitted information and will resolve all dam safety related issues prior to approving the application. Sharon Tapia, our Design Engineering Branch Chief, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 227-4660.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Office Engineer Randy Fessler at (916) 227-4601 or Regional Engineer Y-Nhi Enzler at (916) 227-4604.

Sincerely,

David A. Gutierrez, Chief
 Division of Safety of Dams

cc: Ms. Nadell Gayou
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Birgitta Corsello, Director
 Cliff Covey, Assistant Director

March 8, 2010

City of Vacaville Public Works Department
 Attn: Deborah Faaborg, Environmental Project Manager
 650 Merchant Street
 Vacaville, CA 95688

Re: Comments on Notice of Preparation
 Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins Project

Dear Ms. Faaborg:

Thank you for distributing the Notice of Preparation for the City of Vacaville's Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins Project. It is our understanding that the construction of the basins will involve the movement of up to 1.4 million cubic yards of soil. While haul routes have yet to be determined, the material will be removed by trucking it along County roads which could cause a significant impact to the surface of those roads.

With this in mind, we have the following comments to ensure that all potential offsite project impacts are addressed:

1. While the NOP states that upwards of 1.4 million cubic yards of soil will be moved, it does not state the quantity to be exported from the site nor the potential spoils location(s). In order to assess off-site impacts, it would be appropriate to study these issues.
2. In order to mitigate the impacts to the County roads from the truck hauling:
 - a. The City and County shall enter into an encroachment permit agreement, similar to the Encinosa Creek Basin agreement, that requires the City and its contractor to repair any damages caused to the County road system by the basin project including the off-hauling of soil, specifies the reimbursement of all project costs, provides for liability insurance, and provides bonding or other financial

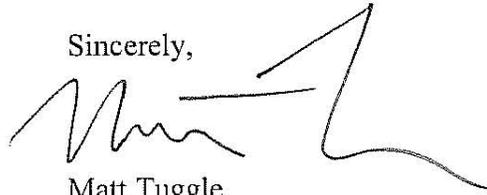
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assurances for the cost of repairing road damages, and other significant encroachment permit terms.

- b. The City and County shall endeavor to agree on reasonable terms for the repairs and the scope of the repairs; however, the final allocation of responsibility for repairs and the scope of the repairs shall lie solely with the County.
3. The recently created Encinosa Creek Basin has yet to be utilized for any use other than temporary flood control. The NOP for the Alamo and Ulatis Basins states an intention to use the new basins for agricultural or wetland habitat. As long as the basins are put back into agricultural use, the proposed project will be in conformance with the Solano County General Plan; if not, the project will conflict with the County's General Plan. Preserving and replacing the existing topsoil during the construction process is important to maintaining the agricultural viability of the properties.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this phase of the project, and look forward to seeing this important flood control project being completed. Please call me at (707) 784-6072 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Tuggle', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matt Tuggle
Senior Civil Engineer

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March 4, 2010

Ms. Deborah Faaborg
City of Vacaville
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville CA 95688

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SUBJECT: ALAMO CREEK&ULATISCREEK DETENTION BASINS
LOCATION: VACAVILLE
AT&T PWID: PW10-3377 AT&T PROJECT:

Dear Ms. Faaborg:

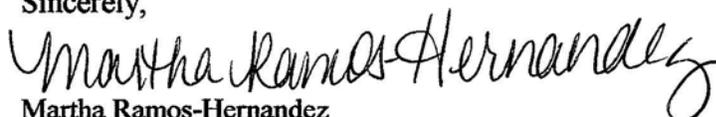
Thank you for submitting your project plans to our engineering department for review. AT&T may have conflict(s) in your intended construction area. I have enclosed our plant maps for your use. Please be aware that these maps are proprietary, and not for disclosure to others.

It is your responsibility to review the attached drawings and determine whether or not AT&T's facilities conflict with your project. If you determine a conflict exists, please notify me of the need to relocate facilities well in advance of the commencement of the project.

The drawings indicate only the approximate location of our existing facilities in the field. Please contact **UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT** on **1-800-642-2444** prior to any excavation work in these areas.

Please call me on 707-258-3779 if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Martha Ramos-Hernandez
Public Works Manager

cc: Colleen L Matthews
Attachment

Note: The drawings provided by AT&T are not included as they are proprietary information, not to be disclosed to the public.

Comment 5

From: Tim Miles [TMiles@dtsc.ca.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 3:16 PM

To: Deborah Faaborg

Subject: Alamo & Ulatis Creek Detention Basins (SCH # 2010022023)

Deborah,

I am reviewing the CEQA document and the Hazards/Hazardous Materials section regarding the EIR Scope on page 17. The document states that testing was recommended. It is unclear whether testing has or will occur.

This page also states that because "Further hazardous materials testing and clean-up are governed by state and federal statutory requirements which constitute a government program, which serves as a mitigation, thereby eliminating the need for further CEQA evaluation".

I am not sure of the meaning of this statement, however our department, as a government program, investigates and cleans up many sites and many of those decisions are required to be evaluated by CEQA. If your statement refers to the government cleanup program mitigation being substantially equivalent to the CEQA process for analysis and mitigation of hazardous substances, and thus serves as the mitigation process, our department has found that it is not the case i.e., the decision-making process to decide what and how the clean up the site is subject to CEQA unless some kind of exemption applies. There are often a range of risk management options that can be considered at a site.

I recommend that the EIR discuss any investigation and results and that the information be evaluated as part of the CEQA process.

Thanks,

Tim

Tim Miles
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Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program
Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Phone calls in response to Detention Basin Notice of Preparation
From: Deborah Faaborg [DFaaborg@cityofvacaville.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 6:01 PM
Subject: Phone calls in response to Detention Basin Notice of Preparation

I have received two phone calls so far in response to the Notice of Preparation issued for the Alamo and Ulatis Detention Basins Project.

Comment 6

Natalie Kitch, Property owner of vacant 10 acres on west side of Rogers Lane.(2/17/10 conversation)

Ms. Kitch stated that she and her husband will be building a new home on their Rogers Lane property. They anticipate beginning construction this summer. She expressed concern about the construction traffic on Rogers Lane and the resulting dust, noise and damage to the road surface. She wanted to make sure the City was going to treat the road surface during construction to reduce dust, but also that the City would reconstruct Rogers Lane to a good surface; she does not think that a fully paved roadway is a good idea as it will attract unwanted traffic from Vaca Valley Road to the private lane. She indicated that they plan to attend the meeting and submit an oral or written comment.

Comment 7

Kevin Smith, Resident of Granada Lane (2/18/10 conversation)

Mr. Smith inquired about project details, particularly related to the Alamo Detention Basin, and I guided him to the NOP documentation on the City's web site which he had not read yet. He is concerned about the noise and dust construction impacts and the proposed treatment of Rogers Lane to reduce impacts; he would like it to be paved. I told him that the City intended to take measures to reduce dust impacts, but at this point the project did not include the paving of Rogers Lane. I also mentioned to him that the residents on Rogers Lane may not want it to be paved as it would cause it to appear as a public roadway and encourage non-resident use. I mentioned that the purpose of the public scoping process and meeting is to obtain comments from all points of view. He was also concerned that the bottom of the basin may retain sufficient moisture into the spring months to create a mosquito problem and asked that the City consider this potential impact. He indicated that he would be attending the meeting and making or submitting a formal comment.

Deborah

Deborah Faaborg
Environmental Project Manager
Public Works Department, Engineering Services Division
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688
Phone: (707) 449-5170

From: Deborah Faaborg
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 1:58 PM
Subject: Alamo Basin - Phone Call from Tom Falla 6547 Rogers Lane

Comment 8

Tom Falla of 6547 Rogers Lane called this afternoon to get further clarification regarding the Alamo Detention Basin project. He owns the home that is located directly north of the proposed north berm at the basin. His call was a follow-up to the EIR Notice of Preparation. Although he attended the public meeting, he wanted to ask a few more questions and discuss his concerns as follows:

a.. He wanted to confirm whether the row of walnut trees located along the west boundary of his property would be removed when the mound in that area is constructed. I told him that the preliminary project plans showed that the trees were located on City property and that the preliminary grading shown for the fill area indicated that these trees would need to be removed. He was not concerned with the removal the these trees because they already overhung and competed with the redwood trees that he has planted on his side of the property line.

b.. He asked for further clarification regarding the docent led public access and asked whether people would be able to walk on the berm directly above his home. He felt that public access in this area of the site would impact his privacy and security.

c.. He reiterated concerns expressed at the 3/1/10 public meeting that Rogers Lane was not being considered for long term improvements as part of the project. He mentioned that public access to the site should require that the road be brought up to public standards.

d.. He reiterated that the statement made at the 3/1/10 public meeting that there may be a need to move utilities (primarily a phone line) in order to accommodate construction of the basin.

e.. He said that his understanding from the neighborhood meeting held with the City over a year ago was that the City would be installing a chain link fence around the project as requested by another neighbor at that meeting. He feels that a 5 strand field fence (as described by staff at the 3/1/10 public meeting) was not adequate to prevent the public from accessing neighboring properties from the basin site.

Mr. Falla indicated that he would be submitting a more formal written comment on the EIR Notice of Preparation by the deadline of 3/9/2010.

Deborah

Deborah Faaborg
Environmental Project Manager
Public Works Department, Engineering Services Division
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688
Phone: (707) 449-5170

Comment 9

From: Sandy Perkins
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 8:56 PM
To: Deborah Faaborg
Subject: Alamo Creek and Ulatis Detention Basins Project
Deborah Faaborg, Environmental Project Manager
City of Vacaville Public Works Department
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688
dfaaborg@cityofvacaville.com

RE: Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins Project

We Jason and Sandy Perkins are the owners of 6547 Rogers Lane Vacaville,CA 95688

Our concerns are as follows:

-The current private road of Rogers Lane turning into a private road with public access and being used for the construction of the project.

The road in it's current condition is not suitable for construction purposes nor public access. We propose a paved 20ft wide driving surface to be engineered with proper drainage along with a Road Maintenance Agreement to reduce the dust/dirt on Rogers Lane during the construction period as well as ongoing traffic to the site by city/maintenance vehicles and guided public tours.

1. Allowing public access to Rogers Lane poses a significant security issue for the current and future residence's on Rogers Lane.

We propose a gate at the entrance of Rogers Lane from Vaca Valley Parkway to prevent the public entering the basin outside of appointed times and signage to inform the public of the proper procedure of obtaining those times.

2. Procedure to inform the residents of Rogers Lane of scheduled tours.

A minimum of 1 weeks notice of scheduled tours of the Basin.

3. The berm that runs adjacent to 6547 Rogers Lane to be EXEMPT from public tours as this directly impacts the privacy and security our property.

Therefore making the public access limited to the loop adjacent to the creek that is not adjacent to any residence.

4. Proposed parking lot at the corner of 6547 Rogers Lane.

Parking Lot to be relocated to Permanent Maintenance Entrance to reduce foot traffic along and in direct view of the residents of Rogers Lane

5. Fencing around the basin

Chain link fencing is preferred for the security of all surrounding properties.

6. Trees on west property line of 6547 Rogers Lane

To be removed or trimmed back as they will affect the growth of existing redwood trees.

Sincerely,
Jason and Sandy Perkins

Mark & Lin Giannini

**City of Vacaville
Public Works Department
Attn: Deborah Faaborg
Environmental Project Manager
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, Ca. 95688**

Mar. 9, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

We purchased our “dream retirement” property at 6500 Rogers Lane, Vacaville, Ca a couple of years ago in a complicated exchange with former owners and the City of Vacaville. The address of our parcel is now 6526 Rogers Lane. When it was done we had paid \$500,000 for the property which we considered to be a gorgeous future home site with 10 acres of older, non-producing walnut trees and a beautiful view of the mountains. We knew at the time that the City planned to put in a retaining pond across the street from our property. **No one disclosed to us the fact that the City planned to put a 20 foot tall berm across the street which would completely block our view.** We would like the City to compensate us for allowing us to buy this particular parcel without disclosing to us that there would be a huge berm across the road. If we sell, we would have to disclose the City’s plan and that will lower the amount we can get for our parcel, so we are stuck.

Also apparently there is a plan to put a **parking lot directly across the road from our property. This also was not disclosed to us and should have been.** Who wants to build their dream house across the street from a parking lot?

The last issue is that our road is unpaved and very dusty. All the extra dust raised while building the detention pond, berm, and parking lot will make it miserable for us to live there.

For the above reasons, we are asking the City of Vacaville to reconsider their plan and to revamp it, possibly making it a much smaller berm or moving it to the west. We also ask for compensation since we received no disclosure when doing the exchange with the City. We also ask that at least the parking area to be moved and the road to be paved.

Mark & Lin Giannini

Comment 11

From: althea leggitt
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 3:31 PM
To: Deborah Faaborg
Subject: Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins Project

March 9, 2010

Deborah Faaborg, Enviromental Project Manager
City of Vacaville Public Works Department
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688

Sent this day, via e-mail to: dfaaborg@cityofvacaville.com

RE: Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins Projects

Dear Ms. Faaborg,

We have many concerns about the proposed projects for Rogers Lane. However, our first and foremost concern is the safety and welfare of the children living on Rogers Lane.

We moved to the country so that our children can play outside without the worry of speeding cars and predators. While living in the country is not bullet proof, your proposal of a "public access," certainly poses more of a threat to our children and that is not acceptable.

Public access will allow "predators" of the worst kind on to our properties. Can you guarantee the safety of our children? Are you prepared to shoulder the consequences should any harm come to our children as a result of this public access? These are questions you may want to consider while making any decisions concerning your projects. Again, the children are our main concern.

With regards to the road of Rogers Lane, we work very hard to maintain this road, and having construction vehicles as well as a public access would make it even more difficult to maintain. We have received a copy of the letter sent to you by Mr. & Mrs. Perkins dated March 8, 2010, and we are in total agreement with their concerns and recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey and Althea Leggitt



Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping Meeting

March 1, 2010 -- 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers – City Hall – 650 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS - Fred Buderl

PRESENTATION

- Purpose of Scoping Meeting
- Project Background
- Project Description
- CEQA Overview
- Lead Agency
- Purpose of EIR
- EIR Process
- Issues to be Addressed in EIR
- Availability of Documents
- Future Opportunities for Public Involvement

PUBLIC COMMENT / QUESTIONS

Comments may be made from the floor when called upon or submitted in writing using comment forms available at the meeting. Comments should focus on potential environmental issues and the scope of the environmental review.

ADJOURNMENT

City Staff

Fred Buderl, City Planner, City of Vacaville Community Development Department
Deborah Faaborg, Environmental Project Manager, City of Vacaville Public Works Department
James Loomis, Project Engineer, City of Vacaville Public Works Department

EIR Consultant

Becky Rozumowicz, Area West Environmental, Inc.

Written comments on the scope of the EIR must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on March 9, 2010 to the attention of:

**Deborah Faaborg, Environmental Project Manager
City of Vacaville Public Works Department
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688 dfaaborg@cityofvacaville.com**

SIGN IN SHEET

(AND REQUEST FOR TO BE PLACED ON NOTICE LIST)

SCOPING MEETING

ALAMO CREEK AND ULATIS CREEK DETENTION BASINS PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PREPARATION

Monday March 1, 2010

Please Print Clearly

NAME	ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION OR PUBLIC
TOM FALLA	6547 Rogers Ln	Public
Jason R Perkins	6547 ROGERS LN VACAVILLE CA	PUBLIC
Doug Rogge	3041 Fruitvale Rd 93608	Public
Charles Rogues	6491 Fruitvale Rd	Public
CHRIS BRADLEY	6555 Pleasant Valley RD	Public
JEFF LEGGITT	6577 ROGERS	
NATALIA & VASIL KITCH	6595 ROGERS	



Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins Project Environmental Impact Report

City of Vacaville
Public Scoping Meeting
March 1, 2010



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose of the Scoping Meeting
- Project Background
- Description of the Proposed Project
- CEQA Overview
- Lead Agency
- Purpose of an EIR
- Environmental Review Process
- Issues Addressed in the EIR
- Public Comments/Questions

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Introductions

- **Fred Buderl**, City Planner, City of Vacaville Community Development Department
- **Deborah Faaborg**, Environmental Project Manager, City of Vacaville Public Works Department
- **James Loomis**, Project Engineer, City of Vacaville Public Works Department
- **Becky Rozumowicz**, Area West Environmental, Inc. City's Environmental Consultant

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Purpose of the Scoping Meeting

- Inform the public of the proposed project and the City's intent to prepare an EIR
- Present an overview of the CEQA process
- Obtain public comments regarding potential environmental issues of concern associated with construction or operation of the proposed project

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Project Background

- The City of Vacaville has historically experienced urban flooding within the urban reaches along Alamo and Ulatis Creeks. During the December 2002 and December 2005 storms, creeks overtopped their banks and flooded established neighborhoods within the City, resulting in millions of dollars in damage to residential and commercial properties.



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Project Purpose

- The purpose of the detention basins is to divert peak storm flows from the creek upstream from the City, retain these waters for a 24-72 hour period, then meter the storm water back into creeks after the peak runoff has occurred, thereby reducing flooding within the City.



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Project Description

- Construct two storm water detention basins on City owned property located outside and northwest of the City limits adjacent to Alamo and Ulatis Creeks
- Alamo Creek Detention Basin site is 79-acres located along north side of creek; construction targeted for 2010/2011
- Ulatis Creek Detention Basin site is 50-acres located on south side of creek; timing of future construction based on availability of funding

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Project Description cont.

Design of detention basins will include:

- Surrounding berm
- Inlet structure to convey flood flows from the creeks into basins
- Outlet pipes to meter the re-entry of detained flows back into the creeks
- Emergency spillway to provide a means for storm water to re-enter the creeks should the capacity of the detention basin be exceeded.

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CEQA Overview

- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that all agencies certify the completion of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for any project they intend to carry out or approve “which may have a significant effect on the environment” (Public Resources Code Section 21151)

Lead Agency



- The “Lead Agency” is the public agency that has the principal responsibility for carrying out or approving a project that is subject to CEQA.
- The City of Vacaville, as the “Lead Agency”, prepares the EIR, conducts the public information process, certifies the adequacy of the EIR, and takes action on the project

Purpose of an EIR

- An informational document considered by a public agency prior to its approval or disapproval of a project
- Provides the public agency and the public with information about the environmental effects of a proposed project
- Identifies ways to avoid or reduce significant environmental effects (Mitigation Measures)
- Analyzes alternatives to the project
- If there are potentially significant impacts that are unavoidable regardless of mitigation, overriding findings are adopted to inform the public of the issue

Environmental Review Process

- Notice of Preparation (NOP) begins the public process for the EIR— 30 day public comment period February 8, 2010 to March 9, 2010
- Scoping meeting, March 1, 2010
- Draft EIR released spring 2010 - 45 day circulation
- Public & agency comments on Draft EIR and public meeting held within 45 day circulation period
- City responds to public comments and prepares a Final EIR – Summer 2010
- Public hearing on Final EIR and Project, City Council certifies Final EIR and takes action on project - Summer 2010

Environmental Issues to be Addressed in the EIR

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources
- Land Use and Agriculture
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Cumulative Impacts
- Alternatives

How to Submit Written Comments

Written comments may be submitted at this meeting on comment sheets provided at the back table.

Written comments may also be sent to:

Deborah Faaborg,
Environmental Project Manager
City of Vacaville Public Works Department
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688
dfaaborg@cityofvacaville.com

Close of NOP Comment Period is March 9, 2010 at 5:00 PM

How to Get Project Information

- City Offices, 650 Merchant Street:
 - Community Development Office or
 - Public Works Department, Engineering Services Division (707) 449-5170
- City’s website at: www.CityofVacaville.com
Under Public Works Department Section
- City Library Reference Desk (both branches)

Public Comments/Questions

- Please raise your hand and a facilitator will call on you to speak
- When called, please state your name clearly for the record
- In the interest of clarity for the record, please try to organize your statement and present your comments as one presentation instead of several separate presentations.

**Alamo Creek and Ulatis Creek Detention Basins Project
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

**Notice of Preparation
Scoping Meeting**

March 1, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
650 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA 95688

City Staff

Rod Moresco, Director, City of Vacaville Public Works Department
Shawn Cunningham, Deputy Director, City of Vacaville Public Works Department
Tanya Skow, Senior Engineer, City of Vacaville Public Works Department
James Loomis, Project Engineer, City of Vacaville Public Works Department
Deborah Faaborg, Environmental Project Manager, City of Vacaville Public Works Department
Fred Buderer, City Planner, City of Vacaville Community Development Department
Mary Page, Recording Secretary, City of Vacaville, Community Development Department

EIR Consultant

Becky Rozumowicz, Area West Environmental, Inc,

City Planner Buderer opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public. He reviewed the agenda and introduced City staff members who were in attendance at the meeting. He also reviewed the purpose of the scoping meeting. He provided background on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the reasons why the City had decided that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was necessary for the proposed detention basins project. He explained how the City of Vacaville is the lead agency for conducting the environmental review and preparing documentation for CEQA purposes. He indicated that the purpose of the EIR, is to provide information on the potential impacts the projects may have on the environment in both the short term and long term time frames and that it is an informational document to be used by the decision makers for the project. Mr. Buderer reviewed the EIR process, noting that the scoping meeting and Notice of Preparation (NOP) process is an early step in determining the extent of environmental issues that will need to be addressed in the EIR. He indicated that the City Council would be making the final decision on the adequacy of the EIR and taking action to authorize construction of the detention basins.

Environmental Project Manager Faaborg provided the background and purpose of the project.

Project Engineer Loomis reviewed the conceptual design of the basins and time frame anticipated for construction.

A poll of the audience at that point revealed that all of the attendees were property owners and/or residents along Rogers Lane and were primarily interested in the Alamo Creek detention basin project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were eight residents of Rogers Lane who were in attendance regarding the Alamo Creek Detention Basin. In summary, concerns focused on the appearance of detention basin berms,

security and privacy impacts that may result from public access, construction related impacts from the use of Rogers Lane and the need to consider off site overland drainage from adjacent properties. More specifically, comments included:

- Anticipated start and completion of construction
- Dust created by traffic on Rogers Lane
- Potential public access to the properties
- Potential for project to block existing overland drainage across the property
- Whether road improvements are proposed for Rogers Lane
- Whether a gate would be installed where Rogers Lane meets Vaca Valley Road.
- How many workers would be on the site during construction.
- What types of public uses would be allowed
- Whether utility poles would be relocated

Staff responded to the various questions noting that the conditions of the grant funding requires public access to the property once the basin is completed. This would be decent lead tours that would control the number of people who would be in the area and would not be year round. It was noted that there will be inspectors on the site at all times during construction and speed limits will be imposed to reduce dust and increase safety. Construction is anticipated to begin in April 2011.

Public comment closed.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m.