

File No: 86.505E
Project: Mission Bay Final
Environmental Impact Report

SAN FRANCISCO
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
MOTION NO. 12006

**ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT FOR MISSION BAY.**

MOVED, that the San Francisco City Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") hereby CERTIFIES the Final Environmental Impact Report, identified as case file No. 86.505E, for Mission Bay:

1) The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Department of City Planning (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 EIR was required and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on August 28, 1987.

b. On August 12, 1988, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "DEIR") and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment and of the dates and times of the City Planning Commission public hearings on the DEIR; this notice was mailed to the Department's list of persons requesting such notice.

c. On August 12, 1988, copies of the DEIR or notices of DEIR availability were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DEIR, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse.

d. Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on August 12, 1988.

2) The Commission held four duly advertised public hearings on said DEIR on September 22, 1988, October 6, 1988, October 27, 1988 and November 10, 1988, at which opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment was received on the DEIR. The period for written comments ended November 21, 1988.

3) On March 17, 1989, a supplement to the DEIR (hereinafter SEIR) was published to address additional potential cumulative impacts beyond those analyzed in the DEIR associated with a proposed ballpark and indoor arena in and adjacent to the Mission Bay Project Area.

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4) The Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on said SEIR on April 20, 1989, at which opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment was received on the SEIR. The period for written comments ended May 5, 1989.

5) The Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearings and in writing during the public review periods for the DEIR and SEIR; prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period; and corrected errors in the DEIR. This material, presented in a "Draft Summary of Comments and Responses," published on June 1, 1990, was distributed to the Commission and to all parties who commented on the DEIR, and was available to others upon request at Department offices.

6) Three memoranda to the City Planning Commission were transmitted on August 2, August 6, 1990, August 20, 1990, and August 23, 1990 containing additional information and errata, which was made available to others upon request at the public hearings on the Mission Bay Plan held on those dates and at the Department offices.

7) A Final Environmental Impact Report has been prepared by the Department, consisting of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, the Supplement to the DEIR, comments received during the review periods, any additional information that became available, and the Draft Summary of Comments and Responses as required by law.

8) Project Environmental Impact Report files have been made available for review by the Commission and the public, and these files are part of the record before the Commission.

9) On August 23, 1990, the Commission reviewed and considered the Final Environmental Impact Report and found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared, publicized and reviewed comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31.

10) The City Planning Commission finds that the Final Environmental Impact Report concerning File No. 86.505E: Mission Bay, is adequate, accurate and objective, and that the Summary of Comments and Responses and its subsequent memoranda contain no significant revisions to the Draft and Supplemental Environmental Impact Reports, and hereby does CERTIFY THE COMPLETION of said Final Environmental Impact Report in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

11) The Commission, in certifying the completion of said Final Environmental Impact Report, finds the following significant environmental impacts associated with the Mission Bay Project now proposed for adoption (which most closely resembles Variant 12 of Alternative A), which could not be mitigated to a level of insignificance:

1) land use change, replacing existing railroad, industrial, warehousing and transportation uses and vacant land with housing, office, retail, light industrial, community services, and open space;

2) preclusion of development of a container terminal east of Third Street within the Project Area (unless a land exchange or similar arrangement is adopted to provide alternate locations for container operations acceptable to the Port of San Francisco, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as currently proposed in the Mission Bay Development Agreement);

3) contribution to increased use of all transportation systems, resulting in expanded congestion on the regional freeway system and local feeder streets,

4) contribution to increased pollutant emission levels from vehicle use and construction activity resulting in increased frequencies of regional ozone violations and localized PM10 violations;

5) emissions of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbon and nitrogen oxide in excess of one percent of county-wide emissions, which is defined to be "significant" by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District;

6) seismic safety impacts created by introducing a substantial increase in population (employees and residents) in the Mission Bay Project Area, resulting in greater potential for injury or death in the event of a major earthquake; and

7) potential temporary but unavoidable impacts associated with dredging China Basin Channel, if required to implement the Project, by releasing toxic contaminants that may be contained in the bottom sediments into the water column.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of August 23, 1990.

Sharon A. Rogers
Secretary

(Commissioners Bierman, Elzey/Boldridge, Engmann, Hu, Morales, Nothenberg/Karasick, and Sewell)

AYES: Bierman, Boldridge, Engmann, Hu, Morales,
Nothenberg and Sewell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: August 23, 1990

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