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PUBLIC NOTICE Availability of Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report

Date: November 19, 2014

Case No.: Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII):

ER 2014-919-97

Planning Department: 2014.1441E

Project Title: Event Center and Mixed-Use Development at Mission Bay Blocks 29-32

Zoning: MB-RA; Mission Bay South Redevelopment Plan – Commercial/Industrial/

Retail Designation; Design for Development for the Mission Bay South

Project Area Height Zone 5

Block/Lot: Mission Bay South Redevelopment Plan Blocks 29-32; Assessor's Block 8722,

Lots 001 and 008

Blocks Size: Mission Bay Blocks 29-32: Approximately 11 acres

Project Sponsor: GSW Arena LLC

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A notice of preparation (NOP) of an environmental impact report (EIR) has been prepared by the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII) in connection with this project. The report is available for public review and comment on the San Francisco Planning Department's Negative Declarations and EIRs web page (http://www.sf-planning.org/sfceqadocs). CDs and paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment at the Planning Department's office on the fourth floor of 1650 Mission Street. [Call (415) 575-9024]

<u>Project Description</u>: GSW Arena LLC (GSW), an affiliate of Golden State Warriors, LLC, which owns and operates the Golden State Warriors National Basketball Association (NBA) team, proposes to construct a multi-purpose event center and a variety of mixed uses, including office, retail, open space and structured parking on an approximately 11-acre site (Blocks 29-32) within the Mission Bay South Redevelopment Plan Area of San Francisco. The project site is bounded by South Street on the north, Third Street on the west, 16th Street on the south, and by the future planned realigned Terry A. François Boulevard on the east. The proposed event center would host the Golden State Warriors basketball team

during the NBA season, as well as provide a year-round venue for a variety of other uses, including concerts, family shows, other sporting events, cultural events, conferences and conventions. GSW has entered into an agreement to purchase the project site from the current site owner, an affiliate of salesforce.com. The project is subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a number of local and state approvals.

OCII has determined that an EIR must be prepared for the proposed project prior to any final decision regarding whether to approve the project. The purpose of the EIR is to provide information about potential significant physical environmental effects of the proposed project, to identify possible ways to minimize the significant effects, and to describe and analyze possible alternatives to the proposed project. Preparation of an NOP or EIR does not indicate a decision by the City to approve or to disapprove the project. However, prior to making any such decision, the decision makers must review and consider the information contained in the EIR.

OCII will hold a **PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING** on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mission Creek Senior Community, 225 Berry Street, Second Floor Cafeteria, San Francisco. The purpose of this meeting is to receive comments to assist the Planning Department in reviewing the scope and content of the environmental impact analysis and information to be contained in the EIR for the project. To request a language interpreter or to accommodate persons with disabilities at the scoping meeting, please contact the staff contact listed above at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Written comments will also be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2014. Written comments should be sent to Tiffany Bohee, OCII Executive Director, c/o Brett Bollinger, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103, or by email to warriors@sfgov.org

If you work for an agency that is a Responsible or a Trustee Agency, we need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering a permit or other approval for this project. We will also need the name of the contact person for your agency. If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, please contact Brett Bollinger at **(415)** 575-9024.

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with OCII, the Planning Commission, or the Planning Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.