

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Benicia City Council
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Master Plan that have been prepared for the following project:

Project Title: Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan
Project Numbers: State Clearinghouse (SCH) #2014072063

Project Description: The proposed Project site is located on the southern shoreline of the City of Benicia along the Carquinez Strait between First Street and the Benicia Marina, south of B Street in an open space commonly referred to as "First Street Green." The proposed Project is intended to improve and enhance the existing First Street Green, expand the current trail access and incorporate public amenities such as observation platforms, seating areas, public art, and interpretive signage. The proposed Project includes restoring wetlands along the water's edge at the Project area's southern boundary. The Project proposes the following enhancements commencing over four phases and 17 years: an entry plaza with seat walls and public art; an expanded and raised green; a secondary plaza with seating and public art; a perimeter trail around the green; a boardwalk, including guardrail, following the historic railroad alignment, with designated viewing platforms overlooking wetlands, salt marshes, and the Carquinez Strait; improved beach access; Bay Trail alignment; widened sidewalks; parking enhancements; stormwater rain gardens; interpretive signage; and a depot plaza.

Project Location: First Street Green
Benicia, CA 94510

APN: 008-0261-050, 008-0200-050,
008-0200-060, 008-0210-210

Environmental Analysis: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study was conducted to determine whether the Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan could have a significant adverse effect on the environment. On the basis of that study, staff is recommending adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISND) was filed with the State Clearinghouse and circulated for public comment from July 23 to August 22, 2014.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration, Draft Master Plan, and referenced documents are available for public review during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Benicia Community Center at 370 East L Street in Benicia, California 94510. These documents are also available for review at Benicia Public Library and on the City of Benicia website: www.ci.benicia.ca.us on the Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan page.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009: If you challenge a decision of the City Council, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. You may also be limited by the ninety (90) day statute of limitations in which to file and serve a petition for administrative writ of mandate challenging any final City decisions regarding planning or zoning.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL:
LISA WOLFE, CITY CLERK