

Alameda Point Regional Park Proposal

A list of 12 details about a proposed regional park are excerpted below from the 2012 US Fish & Wildlife Service Biological Opinion for Alameda Point.

A 147-acre regional park has been proposed for the northwestern part of Alameda Point. It would be constructed between the Veterans Affairs clinic/columbarium property and the Oakland Estuary. This proposed park area will be transferred to the city from the Navy in phases, with the final phase currently scheduled for 2019. The city's is planning to zone the area as Open Space. There is no timeline for construction of this park. No decisions have been made on where the funding will come from. No agency has been selected to build and operate the park.

The amenities and restrictions for this park, however, were mentioned in the 2012 Biological Opinion (BO) for Alameda Point that was issued by the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The BO does not indicate who submitted the specific details about this future regional park.

The BO states: "The Regional Park could include the following:

- 1) Twenty acres of seasonal wetlands;
- 2) Non-irrigated perennial and annual grasses over 45 percent of the park area;
- 3) Irrigated "rough-mowed" turf meadows covering 30 percent of the park area (no tree species capable of growing to greater than 20 feet in height shall be planted in the regional park, and the density of the trees and shrubs in this area shall not exceed one tree or shrub per 10,000 square feet);
- 4) Group and family picnic areas comprised of picnic tables, barbeques, and drinking fountains, located near meadow areas and pathways, covering approximately 50,000 square feet;
- 5) Self-closing trash receptacles will be dispersed throughout the Regional Park and will be emptied regularly to prevent availability of garbage to nuisance/predatory wildlife species [that would threaten the endangered least terns that nest nearby];
- 6) Observation areas with interpretive signage, benches and restrooms;
- 7) A Veteran's memorial plaza with a footprint of approximately 25,000 square feet that will include structures no higher than 25 feet;
- 8) 3.0 miles of asphalt-paved Bay Trail, 12 feet wide;
- 9) 2.8 miles of asphalt-paved internal trails, 10 feet wide;
- 10) Multiple asphalt-paved parking areas for approximately 800 cars, covering 5 acres;
- 11) 8,000 linear feet of raised and re-armored bayside levees; and
- 12) Placement of approximately 400,000 cubic yards of fill material to create topography that will not exceed 12 feet in height."

