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Alameda Point Plans and Rising Sea Levels: Will Climate Change Sink Redevelopment? Public Forum Thursday, September 26 at Mastick Senior Center, 7-9 PM

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Will climate change and rising sea levels sink redevelopment plans for Alameda Point? Find out how the City of Alameda and regional agencies are planning for rising sea levels, housing, jobs, and transportation at the former naval air station at Mastick Senior Center from 7:00 – 9:00 pm on Thursday, September 26.

This free panel discussion, sponsored by the [League of Women Voters® of Alameda](#) (LWVA), features:

- **Jennifer Ott**, Chief Operating Officer for the [City of Alameda's redevelopment efforts at Alameda Point](#).
- **Randy Rentschler**, Director of Legislation and Public Affairs for the [Metropolitan Transportation Commission](#) (MTC), the Bay Area's [regional transportation planning agency](#).

The forum will be held in the [Mastick Senior Center Social Hall](#) at [1155 Santa Clara Avenue](#), an accessible facility with ample free parking available. The parking lot entrance is on Santa Clara Avenue between Bay Street and St. Charles Street.

The City of Alameda's [Draft Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\) for Alameda Point](#) was released September 4. The 45-day period for offering public comments on the [1,000-page Draft EIR](#), which will [guide and limit redevelopment at Alameda Point](#), closes on Monday, October 21. (Section 4i, "Hydrology and Water Quality," addresses tidal surges, flooding, tsunamis, and sea level rise. The Draft EIR is downloadable in sections as PDF files.)

[Alameda Point Info](#), a community-based web site, also offers info on Alameda Point. [Information on climate change, global warming, and sea level rise](#) in the Bay Area is available from the [San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission](#) (BCDC), which predicts that local sea levels could rise by 16 to 55 inches by 2100. BCDC [inundation maps](#) show how much land would be under water if sea levels rise by those amounts: the [Central Bay East Shore Maps](#) show how rising sea levels would affect Alameda and Alameda Point.

"Future sea level rise would increase flooding within Alameda Point. As a result, redevelopment of Alameda Point will (respond) to climate change," says Jennifer Ott, the City of Alameda's Chief Operating Officer for Alameda Point. "Flood protection improvements including site grading, perimeter improvements, and establishing future adaptive measures are necessary to protect the site from a 100-year tidal event and provide long-term protection from sea-level rise due to climate change."

"Alameda Point's unique setting and location is both a blessing and a curse, according to MTC's Randy Rentschler. "Sea levels have risen (globally) almost 8 inches since 1870...and are projected to continue rising. This adds yet another wrinkle to the challenges of recreating Alameda Point."

About the Forum Presenters

Jennifer Ott, Chief Operating Officer for Alameda Point, manages the [reuse and redevelopment of the 870-acre former Naval Air Station Alameda](#) for the [City of Alameda](#).

Randy Rentschler, the Director of Legislation and Public Affairs for [MTC](#) and an Alameda resident, helps advance the legislative, public outreach and external communications objectives of the 19-member [regional planning agency](#) at the local, state, and federal levels.

The LWVA plans to videotape this forum and post links to the video(s) on the [League's web site](#). Information on other upcoming LWVA events is available on the [LWVA's Public Events page](#).

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