

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND
NOTICE OF DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING
FOR THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
SAN ANSELMO FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) has been completed for the project identified below and is on file with the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District-Department of Public Works, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 304, San Rafael, California and is available for public review between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Final EIR can also be accessed online at <http://www.marinwatersheds.org/resources/projects/san-anselmo-flood-risk-reduction-safrr-project>. All relevant documents incorporated into the EIR by reference are also available for public review at the Department of Public Works Office.

The Project involves implementing various flood risk reduction elements in unincorporated Marin County just west of Fairfax and San Anselmo to increase creek capacity, remove obstructions and attenuate flows within portions of the San Anselmo Creek and Fairfax Creek sub-watersheds in Ross Valley, located in central eastern Marin County.

Proposed elements include:

- Increasing creek and floodplain capacity to convey floodwaters
- Removing or modifying buildings to convey floodwaters
- Enlarging some channels through the removal or modification of existing obstructions to flow
- Reducing peak discharge and attenuating flows by increasing floodplain detention storage

This Project is part of the overall Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program, a regional effort led by the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in partnership with the City of Larkspur, the Towns of Fairfax, Ross, and San Anselmo and unincorporated communities of Sleepy Hollow, Oak Manor Kentfield, and Greenbrae. The Program's overall objective is to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding throughout the Ross Valley Watershed, in an economically viable manner while prioritizing public safety and minimizing environmental impacts. The Program looks at broader flood mitigation measures for Corte Madera Creek and its tributaries within the 28 square-mile watershed.

Project construction is estimated to occur over portions of two years in 2019 and 2020. In addition to certification of this EIR, regulatory permits from State and Federal agencies are required to construct these projects. Additional details about the Project are provided online at <http://www.marinwatersheds.org/resources/projects/san-anselmo-flood-risk-reduction-safrr-project>

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this Notice of Availability of the Final EIR commences a 10-day public review period beginning on August 31, 2018. Written comments on the environmental review will be accepted at the Marin Public Works Offices in Suite 304 until the close of the public review period at 4 p.m. on September 10, 2018. Commenters are advised to mail written comments postmarked on or before September 10, 2018 to the attention of Liz Lewis, Planning Manager at 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 304, San Rafael, CA 94903. Comments can also be submitted via email to lizlewis@marincounty.org before the end of the comment period deadline.

The Final EIR evaluates the project with respect to the following topical issues:

1) Land Use & Planning	6) Transportation/Traffic	12) Utilities & Service Systems
2) Population & Housing	7) Biological Resources	13) Aesthetics/Visual Resources
3) Geology and Soils	8) Energy & Natural Resources	14) Cultural Resources
4) Hydrology and Water Quality	9) Hazards and Hazardous Materials	15) Agriculture and Forestry Resources
5) Air Quality	10) Noise	16) Greenhouse Gas Emissions
	11) Public Services and Recreation	17) Mineral Resources

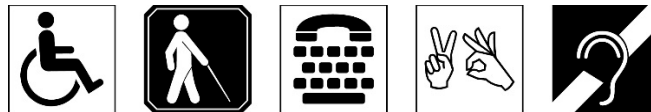
The Final EIR finds that the Project would result in significant or potentially significant environmental impacts related to topical issue(s) #4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 16, and recommends the implementation of feasible mitigation measures to either avoid or reduce to a level of insignificance the identified environmental impacts. The EIR also identified one impact from Project implementation that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. This significant and unavoidable impact is in the Hydrology and Water Quality section and is related to small increases in inundation depths and/or small increases in the extent of flooding for flows above the 25-year flood event.

A public hearing by the District Board of Supervisors for the certification of the Final EIR is scheduled for Tuesday September 18, 2018. For more information about the Board of Supervisors hearing please visit the Board of Supervisors hearings web page at <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/bs/meeting-archive>. Oral and written comments on the Final EIR may be presented to the Flood Control District Board at the hearing. The hearing is scheduled for a meeting of the District Board of Supervisors on September 18, 2018, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room #330 – Administration Building) Civic Center, San Rafael, California, at which time any and all persons interested in this matter may appear and be heard. The time of the hearing will be indicated on the hearing agenda posted on the Board of Supervisors hearing web page on the Thursday before the hearing. Written material should not be mailed or delivered directly to Board Members because it will not be accepted or considered as part of the administrative record for the project. A staff report will be available on the project web page on Friday September 14, 2018.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that if you challenge the project Final EIR in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised orally at the prior public hearing on the Draft EIR on this matter, or in written correspondence submitted during the public review period on the Draft EIR and Final EIR to the Marin Flood Control and Water Conservation District prior to the upcoming public hearing(s). (Government Code Section 65009(b)(2).)

August 31, 2018

Liz Lewis
Environmental Planning Manager



All public meetings and events sponsored or conducted by the County of Marin are held in accessible sites. Requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-4381 (Voice) 473-3232 (TDD/TTY) or by e-mail at disabilityaccess@marincounty.org at least four work days in advance of the event. Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon request.