

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the East Cliff Drive Bluff Stabilization and Parkway Project****AGENCY:** Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The San Francisco District and the County of Santa Cruz, California intend to prepare a combined EIR/EIS to support a cost shared project for the stabilization of a stretch of coastal bluff and development of a parkway. This document will fulfill requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The project area is located within the Pleasure Point area, an unincorporated coastal residential neighborhood located midway between the cities of Santa Cruz and Capitola, California. The project is located on and adjacent to East Cliff Drive, from and including the Pleasure Point Overlook Park site located on the southeast corner of the intersection of East Cliff Drive and 32nd Avenue/Pleasure Point Drive (32nd Avenue becomes Pleasure Point Drive on the south side of East Cliff Drive) to "The Hook" park site located on the south side of East Cliff Drive at the south end of 41st Avenue. The seawall runs only from 32nd Avenue to 36th Avenue, with a smaller portion being constructed along the bluff area at the end of 41st Avenue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions and comments can be directed to Ms. Linda Ngim either by telephone at (415) 977-8538, by fax at (415) 977-8695, or by mail at the address below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Purpose.* The purpose of this project is to prevent further erosion of the bluff face, which endangers the roadway, utility lines and homes, and potentially impedes public access to coastal resources. Proposed projects include the seawall (soil-nail wall) plan roadway and parkway improvements, a pedestrian and bike path, and landscaping. Alternatives to be evaluated include; groins, rock revetments, partial bluff stabilization, and the no project alternative plan. There is also a possibility of changing the direction of traffic in the project area along East Cliff Drive from the eastbound to the westbound direction. The EIR/EIS will analyze impacts on the

environment on these alternatives, including the recommended plan. The Army Corps of Engineers and the County of Santa Cruz intends to prepare an EIR/EIS to assess the environmental effects associated with the proposed project. The public will have the opportunity to comment on this analysis before any action is taken to implement the proposed action.

2. *Scoping.* The Army Corps of Engineers and the County of Santa Cruz will hold a scoping meeting on April 12, 2001 at the Simpkins Swim Center, 979 17th Avenue in Santa Cruz, California 94062 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Federal, State and Local agencies are invited to participate at the public meeting or by submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Useful information for submittal includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, alternatives that should be addressed in the analysis, and mitigation measures associated with the proposed action. Comments and suggestions as well as requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and for the Draft EIR/EIS should be sent to Ms. Linda Ngim, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, 333 Market Street, 7th Floor (CESPN-ET-PP), San Francisco, California, 94105-2197.

3. *Availability of the Draft EIR/EIS.* The Draft EIR/EIS is expected to be published in the late Spring of 2001, and a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIR/EIS will be held after it is published.

Dated: March 23, 2001.

Timothy S. O'Rourke,

Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board****AGENCY:** Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the forthcoming meeting of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory

Board (EAB). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be in room 3M65-66, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ellen Cummings, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC 20314-1000, (202) 761-4558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board advises the Chief of Engineers on environmental policy, identification and resolution of environmental issues and missions, and addressing challenges, problems and opportunities in an environmentally sustainable manner. This meeting will include brief presentations of current issues and discussion of future meeting topics.

In order to facilitate access to 441 G Street, NW., interested parties are requested to notify our office (above address) in writing at least five days prior to the meeting of their intent to attend.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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Bay Gas Storage Company, Ltd.; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

March 26, 2001.

Take notice that on March 9, 2001, Bay Gas Storage Company, Ltd. (Bay Gas) filed, pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's Regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable a maximum rate of \$1.7282 per MMBtu for firm transportation service, and a maximum rate of \$0.0568 per MMBtu for interruptible transportation service, on Bay Gas's new Whistler spur under section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1987.

Bay Gas states that it does not choose to make an election under section 284.123(b)(1) and instead applies for Commission approval of the transportation-only rates proposed here. 18 CFR 284.123(b)(2).

Pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, these rates will