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RE: EIR for BREUNER MARSH RESTORATION & PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT

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Dear Mr Olson:

I am writing to you as president of the Bay Area Radio Control Society (BARCS). The board of directors and members of BARCS would like to submit the enclosed document entitled EIR_Response_7 as a written response to the Draft EIR for the BREUNER MARSH RESTORATION & PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT. We are emailing you the Response to the EIR for the Breuner Marsh Restoration & Public Access Project prior to the deadline for submission on April 27 2012. We will also mail the documents to you. The BARCS board would very much like to be able to continue to fly radio controlled aircraft in the Breuner Marsh Radio Controlled Airfield. We propose the following recommendations.

Recommendations:

1. East Bay Regional Parks District should allow BARCS to continue to rent the Breuner Marsh area for use as an RC airfield until the EIR is fully accepted, building permits are obtained, and full funding for the project is achieved. There is no public benefit to evicting BARCS prior to the ability to begin construction. There is substantial public risk entailed and public liability from evicting BARCS. EBRPD is creating a public nuisance, reducing public recreation, and reducing public safety by evicting BARCS. Public land devoid of use or supervision in an urban environment creates a hazard. It will take an estimated one day of work to remove the BARCS structures and facilities. Removal at the present time eliminates recreation with no public benefit and significant risk to the public.
2. The Environmental Impact Report should be modified to correct the fundamental design errors prior to construction.

3. The design of the Breuner Marsh Restoration Project should include multi-use recreational activities which are inclusive, non-discriminatory, and do not create a public nuisance, public liability, and public danger.
4. The Environmental Impact Report should be modified to include current public recreation (fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, bird watching, and radio controlled flying), public health concerns, and public safety concerns.
5. BARCS is willing to be evicted from the Breuner Marsh area, once the fully accepted EIR is completed and accepted, full funding for the Breuner Marsh Restoration Project is acquired, building permits have been acquired, and the numerous right of ways, public access, environmental, regulatory, and other issues have been resolved. There is no public benefit provided by evicting BARCS prior to the ability to proceed with restoration.
6. BARCS is willing to put the funds to remove its building structures into an escrow account to be used to remove the structures once all permits, approvals, funding, and actual construction is ready to begin. BARCS has an estimate for this removal which can be accomplished in one day. BARCS can vacate the property in one day, once actual construction begins if necessary. BARCS would like 30 days if not 90 days of notice prior to invoking this right to evict.
7. BARCS thinks that a reasonable use of the Breuner Marsh should include multi-use recreation which would include a radio controlled airfield. It is inappropriate to exclude simultaneous multi-use recreation which at the present time includes hiking, fishing, picnicking, bird watching, horseback riding, nature trails, and radio controlled aircraft operation.

Thank you

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