



# CITY OF OAKLAND

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
SUBSEQUENT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ADDENDUM AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
FOR THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENT TO THE OAKLAND ZOO MASTER PLAN**

**DATE:** February 11, 2011

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland, CA  
**PROJECT SPONSOR:** East Bay Zoological Society  
**CASE FILE NO.:** CM09085/CP09078/ER09005

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** The East Bay Zoological Society proposes to amend the previously approved 1998 Master Plan for the Oakland Zoo to refine and revise certain elements of the Master Plan including, but not limited to, reconfiguration of the previously approved new California Exhibit, replacement of the existing veterinary care center with a new Veterinary Medical Hospital, replacement of the previously approved loop road shuttle bus system with a new aerial electric gondola system, and establishment of the specific location of the proposed perimeter fence with modifications from the previously approved general location.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** An application for the above described amendment to the Master Plan has been filed for review and action by the City of Oakland. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in 1998 the City adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to approve the Master Plan of the Oakland Zoo finding that the Master Plan would not result in a significant impact on the environment with the incorporation of specified mitigation measures. In reviewing the current proposed amendment to the Master Plan, the City has prepared a Draft Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration/Addendum (SMND/A). The City is hereby releasing the Draft SMND/A and in so doing finds it to be accurate, complete, compliant with CEQA, and ready for public review.

The Draft SMND/A evaluates whether the buildout of the amended Master Plan would result in new significant environmental impacts, or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts previously identified in the 1998 MND, due to the proposed changes to the Master Plan, new information, and/or changes to the circumstances surrounding the project. The Draft SMND/A finds that the buildout of the amended Master Plan would not result in new significant environmental impacts, or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts previously identified in the 1998 MND, with the incorporation of specified mitigation measures and the City of Oakland standard conditions of approval. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is not required. The Draft SMND/A identifies mitigation measures related to the following environmental topics: biological resources; geology and soils; hydrology and water quality; and transportation and circulation. The Draft SMND/A also identifies standard conditions of approval related to the following environmental topics: aesthetics; air quality; biological resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; noise; public services and utilities; and transportation and circulation. Together, the mitigation measures and the standard conditions of approval would reduce all potential environmental impacts to a less-than-significant level. The project site is not listed on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List (Cortese List).

The Draft SMND/A and the application materials for the proposed Master Plan amendment are currently available for review at the Community and Economic Development Agency, Planning and Zoning Division, 250 Frank H.