

**NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETING AND EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS FEDERAL PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC, OFFICES, AND NATIONAL CEMETERY AT THE FORMER (NAS) NAVAL AIR STATION ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA**

**AGENCIES:** Department of the Navy (Navy) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The Navy and VA, as joint lead agencies, are extending the public comment period for the Draft EA for the transfer of excess Federal property and development of an outpatient clinic, offices, and National Cemetery at the former NAS Alameda, California until Friday, April 19, 2013. A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the public comment period and announcement of a public meeting was published on February 22, 23, and 24, 2013. The notice announced the initial public comment period, including two public meetings which were held on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The initial public comment period requested the submission of all comments on the Draft EA by Friday, March 29, 2013. In response to public input, the Navy and VA are extending the public comment period until Friday, April 19, 2013 (total 56 days).

In addition, a third public meeting will be held to provide an additional opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the Draft EA. The meeting will be preceded by an open information session to allow interested individuals to review information presented in the Draft EA. The third open information session and public meeting is scheduled for:

**Wednesday, April 10, 2013 (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.)**  
**Albert H. Dewitt Officers' Club**  
**641 West Redline Avenue**  
**Alameda, California 94501**

Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to review and comment on the Draft EA or attend the third public meeting.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** For additional information concerning the Draft EA or to send comments, please contact:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Navy and VA, as joint lead agencies, have prepared and made available for public review a Draft EA for the transfer of excess Federal property and development of an outpatient clinic, offices, and National Cemetery at the former NAS Alameda, California. The Draft EA evaluates the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on the human and natural environment resulting from the Navy and VA Proposed Action to transfer excess Federal property at the former NAS Alameda and its subsequent reuse by the VA. The Navy's Proposed Action is to dispose of excess property at the former NAS Alameda via a Federal-to-Federal transfer to VA. VA's Proposed Action is to

establish a single location for combined services consistent with the National “One VA” goal, which advocates consolidating services wherever possible to ensure that the most centralized, coordinated, and efficient care is provided to Veterans in a local area. VA’s need for the Proposed Action is to serve, care for, honor, and memorialize San Francisco Bay Area Veterans in a manner that addresses the area’s current and future capacity needs and provides a greater range of services at one location.

The Draft EA analyzes two action alternatives that would involve a Federal-to-Federal transfer of excess Federal property at the former NAS Alameda. The land transferred would consist of approximately 549-acres under Alternative 1, or approximately 624-acres under Alternative 2. Both action alternatives would include the construction and operation of a VA outpatient clinic, outreach office, National Cemetery, and associated infrastructure on approximately 112-acres. The remaining acreage would remain undeveloped. Also evaluated is the No Action Alternative, in which the Navy would retain ownership of the property under caretaker status. Alternative 2 has been identified as the Preferred Alternative by the VA. This Draft EA has been prepared in accordance with the NEPA (Pub. L. 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f) and the implementing regulations of the CEQ (40 CFR 1500-1508).

Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as interested parties, are invited and encouraged to review and comment on the Draft EA or attend the public meeting. Comments can be made in the following ways: (1) Oral statements or written comments at the scheduled public meeting; or (2) Written comments mailed to the VA address in this notice; or (3) Written comments faxed to the VA fax number in this notice; or (4) Comments submitted via e-mail using the VA e-mail address in this notice.

The Draft EA has been distributed to various Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations. In addition, copies of the Draft EA have been distributed to the following libraries and publicly accessible facilities for public review: City of Alameda Planning Division, by appointment only (2263 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, 94501); City of Alameda Public Library – Main (1550 Oak St., Alameda, 94501); City of Alameda Public Library - Bay Farm Island Branch (3221 Mecartney Rd., Alameda, 94501); City of Alameda Public Library - West End Branch (788 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, 94501); City of Oakland, Citywide Planning Main Office, by appointment only (250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Oakland, 94612); City of Oakland Library – Main (125 14<sup>th</sup> St., Oakland, 94612); City of Oakland Library - Cesar E. Chavez Branch (3301 East 12th St., Oakland, 94601); City of Oakland Library - 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue Branch (1021 81st Ave., Oakland, 94621); City of Oakland Library - Dimond Branch (3565 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland, 94602); City of Oakland Library - Eastmont Branch (7200 Bancroft, Ste 211, Oakland, 94605); and San Francisco Public Library – Main (100 Larkin St., San Francisco, 94102).

An electronic copy of the Draft EA is also available for public viewing at the VA Website (<http://www.northerncalifornia.va.gov/planning/Alameda>); or the Navy BRAC Program Management Office Website (<http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil>). Single electronic compact disk copies of the Draft EA will be made available upon request by contacting the VA at the address in this notice.

To be considered, **all comments must be received by Friday, April 19, 2013.**

All comments will become part of the public record and will be responded to in the Final EA. Equal weight will be given to comments received at the scheduled public meeting and those forwarded directly to the Navy and VA. In the interest of available time, and to ensure all who wish to give oral statements at the public meeting the opportunity to do so, each speaker’s comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If a longer statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public meeting and the full text submitted in writing either at the meeting or mailed, emailed or faxed to the above address. To ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements presented orally at the public meeting should be submitted in writing.