

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Department of the Navy (Navy) Public Information Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Location: USS Hornet Museum
707 W. Hornet Ave, Pier 3
Alameda, CA 94501
([location map provided on next page](#))**

Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of the Navy (Navy) will hold a public information meeting related to the transfer of 549 acres of former NAS Alameda from the Navy to VA, and VA's future development plans for the federal parcel of property.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the general public, interested stakeholders, affected governmental agencies and other interested parties timely information regarding the proposed action of VA and the Navy relative to the 549-acre transfer parcel, and to solicit relevant input regarding the environmental review process and any potential impacts in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Navy and VA are currently preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA).

The proposed action is a Federal-to-Federal agency (Fed-to-Fed) transfer of property from the Navy to the VA at former NAS Alameda to meet the following VA needs: construct outpatient medical facilities, construct a new cemetery and establish Veterans Affairs administrative offices in support of local veterans. The preferred alternative is for development of 113 acres on the 549-acre Fed-to-Fed transfer parcel. The development would include construction of a new 107,000 square foot VA Outpatient Clinic and a 53-acre columbaria cemetery. In addition, under the VA's Enhanced Use Authority (public/private partnership), a 250,000 sq. ft. community in-patient hospital and 180,000 sq. ft. of office space is proposed. The office space would be used for VA regional offices and medical office space for civilian doctors associated with the proposed community hospital.

Alternatives to the proposed action being considered include 1) construction of a VA Cemetery on the Fed-to-Fed transfer parcel and construction of a VA Outpatient Clinic at another location on Alameda Point; and 2) construction of a VA Cemetery on the Fed-to-Fed transfer parcel and construction of a VA Outpatient Clinic at a site in Oakland. These alternatives would exclude the development of a community hospital and VA administrative office space. In addition, the No Action alternative would be addressed in the NEPA document.

Informational materials will be posted on the Navy's BRAC website:
<http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/>

The Navy and VA take this opportunity to invite the public to provide written comments on the proposed action and alternatives. In addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meeting, affected federal, state, and local agencies and other interested parties are invited to contact or submit written comments. Points of contact and address information is provided below.

The VA point of contact is Mr. Larry Janes, telephone (707) 562-8330, email: larry.janes@va.gov

The Navy point of contact is Mr. Patrick McCay, telephone (619) 532-0906, email patrick.mccay@navy.mil

Written comments must be received by Tuesday, January 20, 2009, to be considered in the NEPA document. Written comments should be submitted to:

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