

Dear One Bay Area Plan Staff,

I am very concerned about the forty-four significant irreversible environmental changes and significant impacts of the One Bay Area Plan as outlined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) conclusions section. Every one of these environmental impacts is very serious and needs to be adequately addressed.

How can you justify going ahead with this plan that degrades the air quality and emits greenhouse gases, increases population density, converts important agricultural, forest, and wetlands into urbanized land, adversely affects the habitats of many species, results in insufficient landfill, wastewater, and water capacity, requires the need for expanded facilities, and displaces substantial numbers of the existing population?

Just one of these environmental impacts alone would call into question the legitimacy of this plan. Consider the issue of water, for example. Some water agencies are already projecting water supply shortfalls in dry years, before the large-scale development project is underway. On Table 2.12-4, you mention that water demand for Sonoma County will outpace the supply in the year 2015. Since Sonoma supplies Marin with about one fourth of our water, where will residents in the MMWD water district make up for this water shortage? Will you use water from the Soulajule Reservoir? You have not even discussed water supply/demand projections for second year drought scenarios, nor have you mentioned the water supply for the North Marin Water District. Is this just another excuse for Supervisor Kinsey to try to push through his multimillion dollar, hazardous, energy intensive, unnecessary desalination plant?

I would appreciate it if you would respond to each and every one of the forty-four environmental impacts of the One Bay Area Plan as outlined in the CEQA conclusions sheets and comment on my more specific concerns regarding water.

Best,

Denise Beck