

# Planning Commission approves Shores report

## EIR raises issues, but project moves to next step

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REDWOOD CITY — Pat Dixon remembers Oct. 17, 1989, well.

She was relatively safe in her Redwood Shores home, but she'll never forget news reports about what the Loma Prieta earthquake did to homes in the Marina neighborhood in San Francisco.

Some homes were virtually flattened because they were built on fill, Dixon said. "The shaking caused foundations to liquefy."

Now the city is looking at a project that will put 200-foot-tall buildings on land that is

similarly unstable, Dixon said. The Marina Shores project proposed by Glenborough Pauls would be built on fill, making it a seismically sensitive project, she said.

Those fears were voiced July 8 as the Planning Commission certified the environmental impact report for the Marina Shores project.

Certifying the report does not mean the project has been approved but simply means planning commissioners think the report sufficiently addresses the possible impacts of the project.

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They voted 5-1 for certification, with Hilary Paulson voting 'no' and Nancy Radcliffe absent.

Paulson had some harsh words for those who prepared the report. She was most unhappy with the report's statement that Bair Island would not be impacted by the project. "I think that's kind of a ridiculous response," she said.

Clearly the island, which contains habitats for the endangered clapper rail and salt

marsh harvest mouse, would be affected by the project, Paulson said. Long shadows would be cast on it and birds would fly into the buildings.

Commissioner Ken McCoy was concerned about the assumption that high-speed Internet access would greatly reduce traffic because residents would telecommute.

He wanted to see more attention given to parking plans and shuttle systems. Principal Planner Tom Passanisi said traffic reduction measures would be part of the precise

plan for the area, which will come before the city later this year.

Noise concerns were also widespread among residents. Dixon believes the project's placement out on the water will exacerbate noise from the freeway and nearby industry like the port.

To address that, Greg Greenway, executive director of the Seaport Industrial Association, urged the city to require disclosure statements be given to everyone looking to buy one of the condos. Despite the obvi-

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ous proximity of the existing industrial uses, some people might still complain later, he said.

"A reasonable person should know what they're getting into," Greenway said. "But it's quite possible that you're going to have complaints. It doesn't matter who was there first."

The proposed project consists of a mix of about 1,930 condominiums, 300,000 square feet of office space and 12,000 square feet of retail space. This would all be housed in a number of buildings up to 21 stories that will also be accompanied by parking, open space, two marinas, pedestrian plazas and other amenities.