



**TO:** PARKS RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION  
**FROM:** Margot Cunningham, Natural Areas Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** **Presentation About 65% Draft Albany Hill Forest Mgmt. and Habitat Restoration Plan**  
**AGENDA DATE:** **September 12, 2024**

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Receive a presentation about the 65% Draft Albany Hill Forest Management and Habitat Restoration Plan.

### **BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY**

The City of Albany's Albany Hill Eucalyptus Project (CIP No. 41015) was established on October 18, 2021. On June 20, 2023 [City Council awarded](#) Contract No. C23-40 to Restoration Design Group (RDG) for development of the Albany Hill Forest Management and Habitat Restoration Plan.

RDG has subcontracted ecologists from Nomad Ecology to help with plan development. Additionally, the City entered into a contract with Creekside Science to bring on board Stu Weiss, the foremost expert on overwintering monarchs in coastal California.

Staff and consultants solicited initial input from City Council at a [Study Session](#) on September 5, 2023, and in November and December of 2023 they conducted an [educational session](#) and [site walk](#) to educate the community and stakeholders about the project and receive their input.

At the March 14, 2024 Parks Recreation & Open Space Commission meeting project consultants and staff [presented draft concepts for the plan](#) and solicited feedback from commissioners and the public. An online survey was also launched March 14 and ran through April 30, 2024.

In this presentation consultants and staff will share a 65% draft plan and solicit feedback from commissioners and the public.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1.** 65% Draft Albany Hill Forest Management and Habitat Restoration Plan (text)
- 2.** 65% Removals Phase Diagrams
- 3.** 65% Restoration Phase Diagrams
- 4.** 65% Draft Design Set
- 5.** 65% Cost Estimate
- 6.** 65% Plant Palettes