

The Public's Role in Sediment Response Decisions

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Remedy Section for the Moffett Field Stormwater Retention Pond

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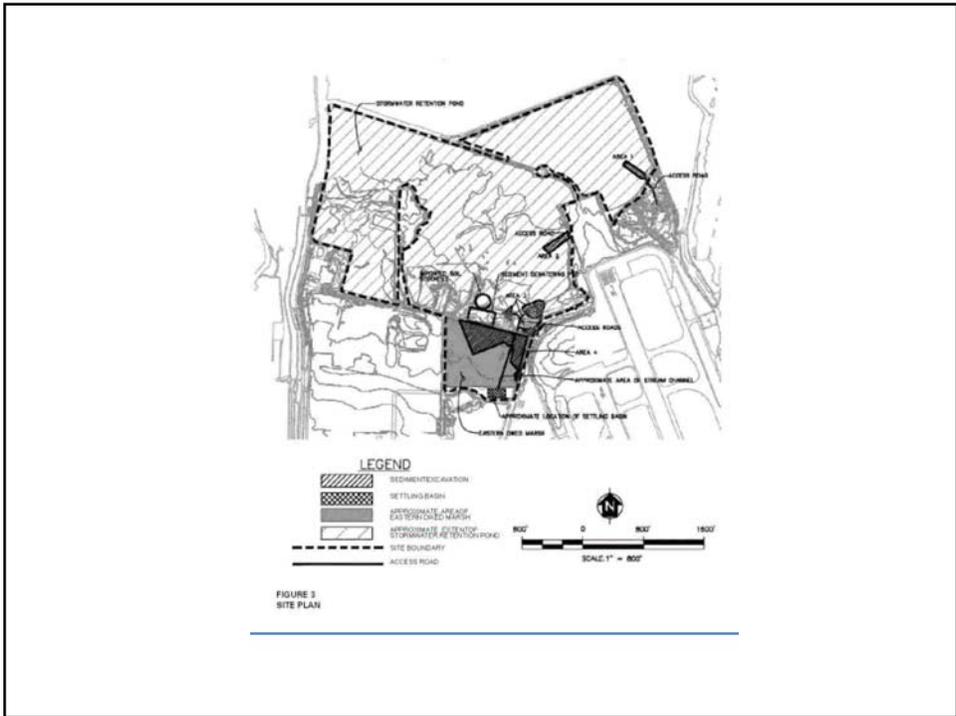


FIGURE 3
SITE PLAN



Typically, the public has **qualitative** questions, such as:

- Is the fish safe to eat?
- Will the project affect my property values?
- Will it be possible to sustain the historical natural habitat?

Increase the likelihood that public involvement will be **constructive**:

- Involve the public early to create a climate of trust.
- Involve public representatives **often** so they gradually understand the technical issues.
- Provide **technical assistance** to bridge the quantitative discussions of the experts with the qualitative concerns of the public.
- Provide agency **guidance** and play by the rules.
- Provide a forum in which to develop **win-win** solutions.