ATTACHMENT #2:  
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS OF GGF: SLOPE AND ACCESS

1. Slope/geography

Golden Gate Fields racetrack is bounded by the Buchanan Street Extension to the north, the North Basin Strip to the south, Interstate 80/580 to the east and the San Francisco Bay to the west. The site is relatively level, except near Fleming Point.

Fleming Point was a naturally formed bedrock hill. According to USGS maps around 1900, it appears the area around Fleming Point (racetrack, stables, lower parking area) was a historic salt marsh. Fleming Point was then partially cut down during construction of the racetrack in the 1940s. Materials excavated from the hill were used to fill and level the racetrack and the lower parking lot to the north. Due to this, Fleming Point is elevated approximately 50 feet above the parking lots to the north and south. To the east of Fleming Point, the land slopes downward to the racetrack and the freeway. Fleming Point also contains the only remaining stand of undisturbed native coastal scrub vegetation along this portion of the Bay.

2. Access

Golden Gate Fields is located west of Interstate 80/580 (I-80/580) along the Albany/Berkeley waterfront. Primary access to the site is from the Buchanan Street interchange in Albany and the Gilman Street interchange in Berkeley. Additional access is provided by the West Frontage Road that runs parallel on the west side of I-80/580 from Gilman Street south to University Avenue and beyond.