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# Saltworks jobs touted

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The controversial construction project that would build up to 12,000 homes with additional shops and parks on the salt ponds east of Highway 101 will create thousands of jobs and bring millions in dollars to San Mateo County, according to a report released yesterday.

## By the Numbers

The report was by Economic and Planning Systems, Inc. based in Berkeley and released by DMB Redwood City Saltworks, the developer for the project. According to the report, the project will generate 29,440 temporary construction jobs over the 30-year construction life of the project.

There will also be between 6,150 to 9,500 jobs created within Redwood

## Report predicts economic surge

City, said James Musbach, who helped put together the report. A project 11,550 jobs will be created across the county, according to the figures.

It is projected that the project's potential 30,000 residents will spend nearly \$410 million annually through the Peninsula, said Musbach. According to the report, an estimated \$162.6 million of that will be spent supporting and helping to revitalize downtown Redwood City.

But one environmental group told the Post that the report is a public relations gimmick.

"The report is flawed... Putting 30,000 people at sea level is bad for the Bay, bad for the people, bad for the economy to

spoil more of the Bay instead of restoring it," said David Lewis, executive director of Save the Bay.

The report fails to address the negative impacts to Redwood City of building a basically a new city on the other side of 101, said Lewis.

## Filling in the Bay

"Nobody is arguing about creating jobs. (We're) arguing about filling in San Francisco Bay," said Lewis.

He also said the report also doesn't focus on the commuter traffic impact to the Peninsula.

When asked about traffic concerns, John Bruno, senior vice president of the project, said, "We'll be able to capture those workers here. They'll have the ability to live, work and recreate all in the same neighborhood."