

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)  
 5750 Almaden Expressway  
 San Jose, CA 95118  
 (408) 265-2600

Office of Planning and Research  
 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
 Sacramento, CA 95818

County of Santa Clara County Clerk  
 70 West Hedding Street  
 San Jose, CA 95110

Lead Agency: California State Coastal Conservancy, 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612  
 Contact Dave Halsing (650) 814-0588

Subject: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.*

<b>Contact Person:</b> Nick Mascarello	<b>Telephone No:</b> (408) 630-3147	<b>State Clearinghouse No:</b> 2013092010
<b>Project Title:</b> South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2		
<b>Project Location:</b> Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara Counties		
<p><b>Project Description:</b> Restoration of former salt-evaporation ponds to tidal wetlands and enhanced pond habitats, improvement of flood protection levees, creation of upland transition ones adjacent to tidal wetlands and construction of public access trails, viewing platforms, and interpretive signs.</p> <p>To provide public access and allow for future trail construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and removal of improvements and other trail amenities around Pond A2W, Valley Water would execute a Joint Use Agreement (JUA) with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). The JUA covers certain real property (premises) containing a portion of the east levee around Pond A2W, adjacent to the lowermost section of Stevens Creek before it flows into San Francisco Bay. The JUA would grant the Refuge license to access the premises and conduct activities associated with future trail construction operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and removal. Upon future construction and opening of the trail, the Refuge would assume operational and maintenance responsibilities, including removal of trash, vegetation management, graffiti removal, and other activities described in the JUA. The JUA would remain effect for 25 years after its execution by both parties unless extended per the terms specified. Valley Water would have no role in the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, or removal of the trail and appurtenant facilities.</p>		

The lead agency, the California State Coastal Conservancy, certified the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2 Final EIS/EIR, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and filed a Notice of Determination on May 31, 2016. This is to advise that Valley Water, as a responsible agency, has considered the EIS/EIR as prepared by the lead agency, and has approved the above-described project on May 27, 2025. Valley Water has made the following determinations regarding the project:

1. The project  will,  will not, have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  were,  were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was,  was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations  was,  was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings  were,  were not made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final EIS/EIR and record of project approval is available to the general public at:

California State Coastal Conservancy  
 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
 Oakland, CA 94612

Copies of additional information regarding Valley Water's responsible agency environmental documentation and record of approval for the project may be examined at:

Santa Clara Valley Water District  
 5750 Almaden Expressway  
 San Jose, CA 95118

<p>Signature (Public Agency):</p> <p>Signed by:  F08F305217A24A4 Melanie Richardson, P.E. Interim Chief Executive Officer</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p>5/30/2025</p>
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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2016 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 12/15/15) Previously DFG 753.5a

ck# 051-306212

RECEIPT NUMBER: 59 — 06012016 — 49
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable) 2013092010

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY State Coastal Conservancy	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/31/2016
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING OPR/SCH	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2			
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Brenda Buxton	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (510) 286-0753	
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor	CITY Oakland	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 94612

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,070.00	\$	<u>3,070.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,210.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,043.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	<u>          </u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 3,070.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Christine Rodriguez, SCH Manager
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Appendix D

To:

[X] Office of Planning and Research
U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Street Address: 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113 Sacramento, CA 95814

[ ] County Clerk
County of:
Address:

From:

Public Agency: State Coastal Conservancy
Address: 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland CA 94612
Contact: Brenda Buxton
Phone: 510-286-0753

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 201309/2010

Project Title: South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2

Project Applicant: State Coastal Conservancy

Project Location (include county): Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara Counties

Project Description:

Restoration of former salt-evaporation ponds to tidal wetlands and enhanced pond habitats, improvement of flood protection levees, creation of upland transition zones adjacent to tidal wetlands, and construction of public access trails, viewing platforms, and interpretive signs.

This is to advise that the State Coastal Conservancy has approved the above (X) Lead Agency or ( ) Responsible Agency)

described project on 5/26/2016 and has made the following determinations regarding the above (date) described project.

- 1. The project [X] will [ ] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [X] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [ ] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [ ] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [X] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [ ] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

www.southbayrestoration.org

Signature (Public Agency): Brenda Buxton Title: Deputy Bay Program Manager

Date: 5/27/2016 Date Received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

MAY 31 2016

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