

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay ST., 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

(Address)

Project Title: McInnis Marsh and Bayfront Marshes Beneficial Dredge Sediment Reuse and Tidal Wetlands Restoration Planning Project

Project Applicant: San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Project Location - Specific:

McInnis Marsh and outer bayfront marshes and South Fork of Gallinas Creek

Project Location - City: San Rafael Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will further preliminary designs, collect data and perform technical studies, prepare CEQA documents, and prepare regulatory permit applications for the McInnis Marsh and Bayfront Marshes Beneficial Dredge Sediment Reuse and Tidal Wetlands Restoration Planning Project, which will improve future tidal restoration potential of the McInnis Marsh Basin in Marin County by restoring 22 to 30 acres of diked wetlands and the reversal of subsidence across 140 acres of marsh. The project has been revised to include analysis of an innovative, nature-based alternative to traditional dredging that would not reverse subsidence on the 140 acres, but would instead result in additional sediment reaching the outer bayfront marshes of Gallinas Creek

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Marin

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 14 Cal. Code of Regs Sections 15262 & 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project consists of collecting basic data that will not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, designing plans, conducting environmental review, preparing permit applications, and performing technical studies for possible future actions that have not yet been approved, adopted, or funded. Thus, the project involves planning and feasibility studies for possible future actions that have not yet been approved or funded and basic data collection, research, and/or resource evaluation activities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Natasha Daniels Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 415-778-6687

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signed by: Natasha Daniels Date: 3/9/2026 Title: Senior Project Manager

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- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____