

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: SOUTHEAST SAN FRANCISCO SHORELINE STEWARDS

Project Applicant: San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Project Location - Specific:

Along the Southeast San Francisco Shoreline from Pier 94 Wetlands to Candlestick Po

Project Location - City: San Francisco Project Location - County: San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Literacy for Environmental Justice will implement the Southeast San Francisco Shoreline Stewards Project, consisting of shoreline stewardship capacity building, habitat enhancement, climate adaptation planning, and workforce development in San Francisco. LEJ staff will host 18 stewardship days which will include native plant propagation, native plant installation, invasive plant removal, and trash clean-up.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Literacy for Environmental Justice

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: 15304, 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The habitat enhancement and workforce development components of the project are categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), which exempts minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project components consist of habitat enhancement through plant identification, invasive species removal, invasive plant management, propagation, native plantings, basic shoreline habitat ecology, and community stewardship events without removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Thus, the project involves minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation without removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.


The other elements of the project are not a "project," as defined under Section 15378 (Project) of Title 14 of the CCR, because building relationships; creating a plan for community activation in other stewardship and recreation projects; and helping youth locate job openings does not have potential for resulting in either a direct physical change or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. If deemed a "project," these elements are exempt from CEQA, under Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense) of Title 14 of the CCR, because it can be seen with certainty that they have no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Erica Johnson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-286-5203

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

Signature:  Date: 6/11/2025 Title: CA Sea Grant Fellow

▪ 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.

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