

Notice of Exemption 21-2025-125

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive #324
San Rafael, Ca 94903

From: (Public Agency): Bel Marin Keys Community Services District
4 Montego Key
Novato, Ca 94949

(Address)

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Project Title: Bel Marin Keys Community Services District Lock and Flood Gate Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: Bel Marin Keys Community Services District

AUG 14 2025

Project Location - Specific:
South Lock, North Lock, North Flood gates

SHELLY SCOTT
MARIN COUNTY CLERK
By [Signature] Deputy

Project Location - City: Novato Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Maintenance and repairs on the lagoon navigation locks, flood gates and adjacent seawalls. Repairs are proposed at the North and South Locks and flood gates. The lock gate operational mechanisms, seals, and linkages at the North and South Locks will be repaired and replaced in-kind.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Bel Marin Keys Community Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SGH -Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

- 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: 15301 Existing facilities
 - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Maintenance would not involve modifications to the existing infrastructure and would not require placement of new fill. Passive dewatering would be implemented using the procedures described in the presentation to avoid potential impacts to fish. Work windows for California Ridgway's rail and other nesting birds would be followed to avoid impacts to these species. The projects would not affect any vegetated areas; access would be from the lagoon and from existing hardened infrastructures.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Lisa Lue Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 415-883-4222

- 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: [Signature] Date: August 14, 2025 Title: District Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
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 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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LEAD AGENCY BEL MARIN KEYS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/14/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Marin	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

BEL MARIN KEYS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT LOCK AND FLOOD GATE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME BEL MARIN KEYS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (415)883-4222
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 4 MONTEGO KEY	CITY NOVATO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94949

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$4,123.50 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,968.75 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,401.75 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | | |
| <input checked="" 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>50.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ | <u> </u> |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED
 \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE MARIN COUNTY CLERK; O. LOBATO, ARCC SUPERVISOR
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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Vincent Lattanzio, Bel Marin Keys Community Services District	FROM:	Matt Osowski, WRA Inc. osowski@wra-ca.com
CC:	Lisa Lue, Steve Nash, Bel Marin Keys Community Services District		Justin Semion, WRA Inc. semion@wra-ca.com
DATE:	June 16, 2025		
SUBJECT:	Draft Project Description: Bel Marin Keys Navigation Locks and Marine Infrastructure Repairs		

The Bel Marin Keys is a residential community located east of the city of Novato in Marin County. The community surrounds two lagoons that are connected to Novato Creek by navigational locks. In addition to the navigational locks, a set of flood gates located just south of the North Lagoon Locks aids in flood control within the North Lagoon. The navigation locks and floodgates require maintenance and repair.

The Bel Marin Keys Community Services District (CSD) proposes maintenance and repairs on the lagoon navigation locks, floodgates, and adjacent seawalls. Repairs are proposed at the North and South Locks, and flood gates. The lock gate operational mechanisms, seals, and linkages at the North and South Locks will be repaired and replaced in-kind.

Lock maintenance will be conducted in the dry using “stoplogs” (removeable panels inserted to create a watertight barrier) installed at permanent maintenance points integrated into the as-built structure of the locks. Stoplog installation points are located outside of the lock gates and are used periodically for installation of stoplogs as originally designed to dewater the lock interior for inspection and maintenance.

Heavy equipment and materials will be staged on barges or similar floating work platforms on the lagoon side of the locks and flood gates; or on existing docks and catwalks along the locks above water level.

A crane or similar equipment will install stoplogs on the locks. Dewatering of the locks will follow the best management practices for lock dewatering outlined below.

The proposed maintenance and repairs will be conducted in three phases based on location:

- Phase A: South Lock
- Phase B: North Lock
- Phase C: North Flood Gates

Each phase would be conducted a year apart based on preliminary planning.

Proposed Best Management Practices and Protective Measures

- Work will be conducted from September 1 to January 31; outside of breeding special-status rail breeding season
- Flood gate silt removal will be conducted at low tide and in areas outside of tidal marsh vegetation.
- Proposed Lock Dewatering procedures to minimize impacts to Novato Creek and associated species:
 1. Install lagoon-side stoplogs
 2. Open outer gate (creek-side) and inner gate (lagoon-side) at low tide so water exits the lock to Novato Creek
 3. Close outer (creek-side) gate
 4. Install creek-side stoplogs
 5. Dewater lock interior of remaining water. Pump water to lagoon