San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: SF Bay Regional Water Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland CA, 94612

Project Title: San Mateo Creek Remediation and Bank Stabilization Project (Project)
Project Location - Specific: (37.562196, -122.336020)
Project Location – City: Hillsborough
Project Location - County: San Mateo County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project will stabilize and enhance a 134.6 linear feet portion of the bank along San Mateo Creek (Creek) by removing an existing unauthorized sakrete revetment, grading the bank, and adding rock and plantings. The unauthorized sakrete revetment, which totals 0.009 acres (ac), will be removed and its contents will be disposed of at a landfill. Rock slope protection will be placed to stabilize the bank. Three rootwad structures will be installed throughout the Project site. The Project will revegetate the site with plantings and native erosion control mix. Four removed trees will be replaced with 26 trees: nine creek dogwood, fourteen arroyo willow stakes, and three California bay laurel. Additionally, twelve baltic rush, six dudley's sedge, and six coastal wood fern will be planted. This project will help reduce bank erosion through removing the sakrete wall, creating more channel diversity through the addition of root wad structures, grading the bank to a more stable slope, and revegetating the area with native plants.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project as Lead Agency: SF Bay Regional Water Board
Name of Legally Responsible Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Robert and Carrie Chao

Exempt Status:
- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080b(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080b(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080b(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption (State Type and Section Number): 15333 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects, Class 33.
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (State Code Number): _____

Reasons why the Project is exempt: The Project does not exceed 5 acres in size, will remove unauthorized fill from the Creek, and will revegetate the banks of the Creek to restore ecological functions and improve native aquatic habitat.

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