

Notice of Exemption

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<p>To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 County Clerk County of: <u>Alameda</u></p>	<p>From: (Public Agency): <u>California Natural Resources Agency</u> <u>715 P Street, 20th Floor</u> <u>Sacramento, CA 95814</u> (Address)</p>
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Project Title: Funding of the Golden Gate Fields Site Acquisition for Regional Park Expansion

Project Applicant: The Trust for Public Land and East Bay Regional Park District

Project Location - Specific:

Golden Gate Fields is located on the East Bay shoreline adjacent to the Eastshore Freeway, straddling the cities of Berkeley and Albany. It sits between two sections of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park with the Albany Bulb and Beach on the north and the Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex in Berkeley on the south.

Project Location – City: Berkeley and Albany **Project Location – County:** Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will partially fund the acquisition of an approximately 161-acre site (129 acres of surface land and 32 acres of submerged land) in the East Bay adjacent to the Eastshore Freeway. The acreage acquired may increase or decrease depending upon project need and the purchase agreement terms. The Trust for Public Land will acquire and convey the property to East Bay Regional Park District (District), for purposes of creating a regional public park, access trails, and recreational connectivity. The District, through its park planning process, will also work to improve water and habitat quality along the shore and provide needed green space for vulnerable communities living at or near the intersection of Interstate 580, Interstate 80, and other regional roadways which at present prevent overall regional connectivity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Trust for Public Land and East Bay Regional Park District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (PRC §21080(b)(1), CCR §15268);
- Declared Emergency (PRC §21080(b)(3); CCR §15269(a));
- Emergency Project (PRC §21080(b)(4); CCR §15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: PRC §21080.57

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project, if funded, will be ministerially and/or statutorily exempt from CEQA. If Climate Bond funding is appropriated in the 2026-27 state budget to CNRA as a non-discretionary appropriation, CNRA will have a ministerial duty to issue the funds for the acquisition. If Climate Bond funding is appropriated the project would also be statutorily exempt, as the acquisition's purpose is to create a regional park. Under PRC §21080.57, "any activity or approval necessary for or incidental to planning, design, site acquisition, construction, operation, or maintenance of public park or nonmotorized recreational trail facilities funded in whole or in part by the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Division 50 (commencing with Section 90000))" is exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact: Amanda Martin **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 541-5153

Signature: Amanda Martin **Date:** 4/3/2026 **Title:** Deputy Assistant Secretary

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