

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate
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FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
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Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2013032001

PROJECT NUMBER: C-06-8502-110

DOCUMENT TITLE: Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located in the City of Daly City and in unincorporated Broadmoor Village in northwestern San Mateo County. The Vista Grande Canal and Tunnel are located primarily within San Francisco. A small portion of the beginning of the Vista Grande Canal is located within the unincorporated San Mateo County. The Vista Grande Canal Tunnel runs beneath private lands, Skyland Boulevard, and Fort Funston, a former United States Army installation which is now managed by the National Park Service (NPS) as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The Vista Grande Canal Tunnel outlet is located at the Pacific Ocean on the beach below Fort Funston.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project. The Project will replace the Vista Grande Tunnel (Tunnel) and a portion of the existing Vista Grande Canal (Canal) with several new facilities to improve stormwater quality and conveyance capacity, and will include a new gravity effluent pipeline. Major Project components include:

- Enlargement of the Tunnel to expand its capacity.
- Partial replacement of the Canal to incorporate a gross solid screening device, a treatment wetland, and diversion and discharge structures to route some stormwater and authorized non-stormwater flows from the Canal to Lake Merced.
- Modifications to the Lake Merced overflow structure near John Muir Drive to allow controlled discharge from Lake Merced to the Tunnel at different lake levels.

- New dual gravity effluent lines to replace the existing dry-weather gravity effluent system and wet weather effluent force main system.
- Replacement of the existing outlet structure at Fort Funston to reduce its exposure to storm wave damage and improve its longevity by constructing a low profile outlet structure closer to the existing cliff face and adding wing walls.
- Replacement of approximately 200 feet of effluent ocean outfall pipeline at the beach crossing.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has considered the Environmental Impact Report as prepared by the Lead Agency. The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on March 7, 2025. The City of Daly City will be carrying out the Project. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will have a significant effect on the environment. The Project will have a significant effect on water quality impacts. This determination is limited to effects on water quality under the State Water Board’s jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted for the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Daly City

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Records of the financing approval and an analysis of environmental alternatives for the Project are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Environmental Impact Report is available from the Lead Agency.

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