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Project Title: Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project

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City: San Francisco Zip: 94103 County: San Francisco

Project Location: County: San Francisco City/Nearest Community: San Francisco/Lakeshore

Cross Streets: Great Highway between Sloat Boulevard and Skyline Boulevard (S.R. 35) Zip Code: 94132

Lat. / Long. (degrees, minutes, and seconds): 37° 44' 5.7" N/ -122°30'24.73" W Total Acres: 30

Assessor's Parcel No.: 7281006, 7281007, 7281009, 7281010, 7282008, and 7282009 Section: 27 Twp.: TO2S Range: R06W Base: MDM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1, 35 Waterways: Pacific Ocean, Lake Merced
Airports: n/a Railways: n/a Schools: Multiple

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other SFPUC Approval

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type Closure and removal of Great Highway segment
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational Multi-use, trail, restroom, parking Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Water Facilities: Other: Shoreline and utilities protection (buried wall)

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

P (Public) and RH-1D (Residential House, One Family Detached) Zoning Districts, OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District, Western Shoreline Area Plan

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See attached separate page.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pesticide Regulation, Department of
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

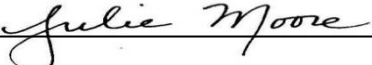
Starting Date: September 14, 2023 Ending Date: September 28, 2023

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Project Description:

The proposed Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project would address shoreline erosion, severe coastal storm and wave hazards, and sea level rise which threaten city infrastructure, coastal access and recreational facilities, and public safety. The project area generally encompasses the portion of San Francisco's Ocean Beach extending south from Sloat Boulevard to the northern edge of the Fort Funston bluffs, and the Great Highway from Sloat Boulevard to Skyline Boulevard, along with portions of Ocean Beach to the north and portions of Fort Funston to the south. Major project components include: (1) permanently closing the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline boulevards, and reconfiguring affected intersections and San Francisco Zoo parking access; (2) removing rock and sandbag revetments, and rubble and debris from the beach, and reshaping the bluff to provide a more gradual transition between beach and upland areas, and planting native vegetation; (3) constructing a multi-use trail and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements to existing trail segments, beach access stairway, coastal access parking, and restrooms, and enhancing habitat; (4) constructing a buried wall to protect existing wastewater infrastructure from shoreline erosion; and (5) long-term beach nourishment (sand replenishment). The project is a collaborative, multi-agency initiative involving the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), San Francisco Recreation and Parks, San Francisco Public Works, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service. The city is also coordinating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on the potential for beneficially using Corps dredged sand for the project's beach nourishment program.

For long-term beach nourishment the City and County of San Francisco (the city) has identified two primary sand sources and placement methods. The first is the San Francisco Harbor – Main Ship Channel, which is dredged annually by the Corps as part of that agency's ongoing federal navigation channels maintenance program. Under this "large placement" option a Corps dredge would pump up to 575,000 cubic yards of sand in a slurry form onto the beach, rather than disposing of it offshore. The second primary source is North Ocean Beach (i.e., north of Lincoln Boulevard). Under this "small placement" option the city would continue its practice of excavating and trucking excess sand from North Ocean Beach to South Ocean Beach and placing coarse sand from other sources as a top layer (referred to as sand backpass). The small placement option would involve trucks dumping up to 85,000 cubic yards of sand onto the beach and bluff. The city could also obtain a smaller volume of sand from a commercial vendor if necessary.

The type and frequency of sand placements would depend upon sand availability (i.e., Corps and North Ocean Beach) and shoreline conditions (e.g., sea level rise and related erosion rates). Sand placements would occur about once every four to 10 years, generally in summer or fall.