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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 ☐ Early Cons ☐ Neg Dec ☐ Mit Neg Dec | ☐ Draft EIR ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Other Notice of Determination | NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI | Other: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other

Local Action Type:

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

Development Type:

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

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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_____ Air Resources Board	_____ Office of Historic Preservation
_____ Boating & Waterways, Department of	_____ Office of Public School Construction
_____ California Emergency Management Agency	_____ Parks & Recreation, Department of
_____ California Highway Patrol	_____ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
_____ Caltrans District # 4	_____ Public Utilities Commission
_____ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	_____ Regional WQCB # 2
_____ Caltrans Planning	_____ Resources Agency
_____ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	_____ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
_____ Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	_____ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
_____ Coastal Commission	_____ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy
_____ Colorado River Board	_____ San Joaquin River Conservancy
_____ Conservation, Department of	_____ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
_____ Corrections, Department of	_____ State Lands Commission
_____ Delta Protection Commission	_____ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
_____ Education, Department of	_____ SWRCB: Water Quality
_____ Energy Commission	_____ SWRCB: Water Rights
_____ Fish & Wildlife Region # 3	_____ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
_____ Food & Agriculture, Department of	_____ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
_____ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	_____ Water Resources, Department of
_____ General Services, Department of	
_____ Health Services, Department of	_____ Other _____
_____ Housing & Community Development	_____ _____
_____ Native American Heritage Commission	_____ _____
	_____ _____

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Julie Moore **Date: 11/2/2023**

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

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.