

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

Public Agency: SF Regional Water Quality Board
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021100323

Project Title: Sediment Remediation Project, Piers 39 to 43½

Project Applicant: SF Regional Water Quality Board

Project Location (include county): San Francisco, San Francisco County, California, 94133

Project Description:

See Attachment A

This is to advise that the SF Regional Water Quality Board has approved the above
 (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 4/23/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000007367

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: Assistant Executive Officer

Date: 4/23/2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

NOD ATTACHMENT A

Project Description

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) Sediment Remediation Project, Piers 39 to 43½ (Project) entails the remediation of offshore sediment at Piers 39 to 43½ (the Remedial Area) within the Port of San Francisco and the Montezuma material handling facility (MHF) location for dewatering and loading sediments for transport to approved disposal facilities. Since 2016, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has investigated the nature, distribution, and extent of sediment contamination within the Remedial Area. Some sediments contain elevated concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which are chemicals found in petroleum and by-product waste formed from manufactured gas plant operations. Impacts in sediments occur close to the shoreline and extend bayward in five areas within the Remedial Area. A Feasibility Study/Remedial Action Plan (FS/RAP) details the planned cleanup of offshore Bay sediments.

The Remedial Area encompasses Pier 39 and the intertidal and subtidal area between Pier 39 and Pier 43½ along the margin of San Francisco, extending into San Francisco Bay to the north of The Embarcadero, approximately between Taylor and Kearny streets. The bayward limits of the Remedial Area extend approximately 1,000 feet offshore. The Remedial Area includes a small craft marina; multiple piers housing vessels for bay excursions, cruises, sailing, fishing, and ferry operations; and a high concentration of visitor-related commercial development (shops and restaurants). The adjacent upland area consists of densely developed commercial areas including parking lots, hotels, shops, restaurants, pedestrian and bicycle pathways, a playground, and some park areas.

The purpose of the proposed Project is to remediate (i.e., clean up) sediments impacted (i.e., contaminated) with PAHs within the Remedial Area to protect human health and the environment. The recommended remedial alternative proposes dredging to remove contaminated sediment and capping to prevent exposure to remaining contaminated sediments that might pose risk through bioaccumulation. Placement of armoring where necessary during capping would protect installed sand caps or existing sediment from scour or disturbance that might expose sediment with elevated PAH concentrations. Dredged sediment would be transported by barge to a MHF where it would be offloaded and dried sufficiently to allow for transportation to a licensed landfill. MHFs for the project include the Montezuma Material Handling Facility (MHF) in Solano County, as well as the Duwamish Reload Facility in Seattle Washington. Licensed landfills include facilities in California and Oregon.