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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: San Mateo County Harbor District  
DATE: April 13, 2022  
SUBJECT: Johnson Pier Reconfiguration, Vessel Dock and Fuel Dock Replacement Project

**Project Description:** The proposed Project would improve the safety of commercial fishing handling operations, improve dock accessibility by expanding Johnson Pier to allow for truck turn around, and increase the life and capacity of commercial docks. Johnson Pier was originally constructed to accommodate single-axle delivery trucks, however over time, trucks/semitrailers have been used for delivery from the facility. The lack of area on the Johnson pier head and L shaped geometry, restricts turning movements for truck/semitrailers, requiring trucks to either back-in or back-out the entire length of the pier. This creates safety issues and causes substantial delays in operations. The proposed project would expand Johnson Pier to elevate these safety issues and operational restraints. The proposed expansion would add approximately 16,000 sf to Johnson pier for fish handling, forklift maneuvering, and truck turnaround. In addition, the proposed project would replace existing floating docks that have exceeded their useful life and can no longer be maintained. This would include the replacement of Docks D, E, F, G, H and the fuel dock. Replacement docks would increase the capacity of the existing commercial docks and the replacement of Dock E will include the addition of a 2,500 sf work dock (Dock EW).

**Environmental Determination:** An Initial Study was prepared to examine potential areas of impact resulting from the proposed Project. The Initial Study found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment with compliance with required regulatory permit conditions and with the required implementation of mitigation and avoidance measures for biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, hazardous materials, and noise. As a result, an Environmental Impact Report is not required, and a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

**Availability of Documents:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is now available for public review at the San Mateo County Harbor District, 504 Avenue Alhambra, El Granada, CA 94018. The document **can also be accessed online** at <https://www.smharbor.com/johnson-pier-reconfiguration-vessel-dock-fuel-dock-replacement> or <https://www.smharbor.com/replace-dock-g-f-e>

**Comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration:** The San Mateo County Harbor District requests any comments you may have on the IS/MND during a **30-day review period**, which **commences on April 13, 2022** and **ends on May 13, 2022**. Please submit any comments you may have in writing (letter or e-mail) by the end date listed above to:

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