
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 23, 2022

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO BAY STRATEGIC SHALLOW-WATER PLACEMENT PILOT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) has filed and is circulating a draft Environmental Assessment and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA-IS/MND) for the proposed San Francisco Bay Strategic Shallow-Water Placement Pilot Project (Project). The Project is led by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and proposes to place approximately 100,000 cubic yards of dredged sediment from the Redwood City Harbor and/or the Oakland Harbor Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Project in shallow tidal waters offshore of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Eden Landing Ecological Reserve (Eden Landing). The purpose of the project is to assess the ability of this novel sediment placement technique to transport sediment onto mudflats and marshes in and around Eden Landing, and whether this procedure can increase the efficiency of sediment delivery. The Water Board jointly prepared with USACE an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 United States Code Section 4321 et seq.) and an initial study and mitigated negative declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.).

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Water Board will receive comments on the draft EA-IS/MND in accordance with this notice.

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MATERIALS: The draft EA-IS/MND will be available for review online on September 23, 2022 at <https://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/>

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Written comments on the draft EA-IS/MND must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2022**, to be considered. Please send all written comments to the staff contact identified above. Submission of written comments via email is preferred, but not required.

FUTURE NOTICES

The availability of responses to comments or any other updates will be noticed by the subscription e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the draft EA-IS/MND must sign up for the subscription e-mail list. To sign up, access the E-mail List Subscription form at the subscription e-mail page:

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