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SCH #

Project Title: Beneficial Reuse of Excavated Material in Tidal Marsh Restoration Project

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City: San Jose Zip: 95134-1927 County: Santa Clara

Project Location: County: Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda City/Nearest Community: San Jose, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Menlo Park, Redwood City, Atherton, East Palo Alto

Cross Streets: Various (Hope St/Elizabeth St, America Center Ct/Gold St, Smart Station Trail/Caribbean Dr) Zip Code: 95132, 95002, 94089, 94043

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 25 ' 52.07 " N / 121 ° 59 ' 29.32 " W Total Acres: Approximately 2,400

Assessor's Parcel No.: Various Section: Twp.: Range: Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 237, SR 84 Waterways: South San Francisco Bay, Guadalupe River, San Tomas Aquino Creek, Alviso Slough, Moffett Channel

Airports: San Jose Mineta International Airport, Palo Alto Airport Railways: UPRR, BART, Caltrain Schools: George Mayne Elem Sch, Kathryn Hughes Elem Sch

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: Restoration

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: _____ Other: Beneficial Reuse of excavated material
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD

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: GHG, quality assurance of material

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Land use: tidal marsh habitat; Zoning: Agriculture, Open Space; GP designations: Open Space, Parklands and Habitat, Baylands

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

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), in cooperation with the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), propose the Beneficial Reuse Project in South San Francisco Bay. The Beneficial Reuse Project would place excavated or other "fill" material into several former salt production ponds around South San Francisco Bay to raise the pond bottoms for the purpose of accelerating the timeline for tidal marsh habitat restoration. The Beneficial Reuse Project would be analyzed in a joint federal environmental impact statement and state environmental impact report (EIS/EIR). The USFWS is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the EIS. VTA is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the EIR. The EIS/EIR would analyze the Beneficial Reuse Project at both a "project" level and a "programmatic" level. The Beneficial Reuse Project would be analyzed at a project level by explicitly evaluating the transport and placement of up to 3.5 million cubic yards of excavated material from VTA's BART Silicon Valley-Phase II Extension Project (BSVII Project) for the purpose of raising the deeply subsided pond bottoms. For the project-level analysis, the Beneficial Reuse Project would be implemented at the Pond A8 Complex (consisting of Ponds A5, A7, A8, and A8S), Pond A12, and Pond A13 within the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). These ponds are owned by the USFWS and are part of the Alviso Pond Complex. The Beneficial Reuse Project would also be implemented at Pond A4, which is owned by Valley Water. These ponds were selected for analysis at the project level as they are relatively close to the BSVII Project site compared to other ponds in the South Bay. The Beneficial Reuse Project would also be analyzed at a programmatic level by evaluating the transport and placement of excavated material from future projects yet to be identified. Placement of such material could occur in the Ravenswood Pond Complex (except Ponds SF2), the Alviso Pond Complex (including the A8 Complex, A12, and A13 and excluding A22 and A23), and Pond A4. The programmatic analysis would allow other project proponents to use the EIS/EIR as the basis for their future projects that would also transport and place excavated material into the ponds for the purpose of raising pond bottoms. These other project proponents would need to conduct additional environmental analysis at the project-level once their projects are sufficiently defined.

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

Starting Date January 19, 2024 Ending Date February 20, 2024

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