



If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Alternatives evaluated in the EA EIR examine impacts from in-Bay disposal. Some alternatives will result in increased in-Bay disposal compared to CEQA Baseline. In-Bay disposal limits have been established from the Long-Term Management Strategy for the Placement of Dredged Material in the Bay Region and regulated through policies set by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

USACE has been permitted to dredge Richmond Outer Harbor and Pinole Shoal (San Pablo Bay) channels every other year by hydraulic dredge to minimize impacts to longfin smelt. It is the view of the state resource agency with jurisdiction over longfin smelt that hydraulic hopper dredging entrains individuals and represents a take of the endangered species. In the previous EA/EIR, the impact to longfin smelt was mitigated to less than significant by hopper dredging only one channel in San Francisco Bay in a given year and limiting dredging to the environmental work windows. As such, the discussion around some alternatives expanding hydraulic hopper dredging in San Francisco Bay is potentially controversial, even though the purpose in doing so is to restore more wetland habitat, which would directly benefit longfin smelt and other biota by providing refugia and habitat space in the tidal channels.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Air Resources Board  
Bay Conservation and Development Commission