

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
1515 Clay St, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

(Address)

Project Title: Storytelling Shoreline Futures: Youth Visioning and Action

Project Applicant: Mycelium Youth Network

Project Location - Specific:

Martin Luther King Regional Shoreline; Eden Landing Ecological Preserve; Palo Alto B.

Project Location - City: Oakland;Hayward; Palo Alto Project Location - County: Alameda; Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project's primary location, Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline, is located in a heavily industrialized area in the Central Bay. Trash is a common occurrence and frequent stewardship and restoration is needed in this area. The project's restoration and enhancement activities will consist of invasive plant removal, planting native plants, plant biodiversity monitoring, trash cleanups. Light restoration efforts will occur at Eden Landing Ecological Preserve in Hayward, and Palo Alto Baylands Preserve in Palo Alto. The project also includes in-depth environmental education through various workshops and events; community engagement; and training in leadership and storytelling with an environmental justice focus.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mycelium Youth Network

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CCR 14, Section 15333, 15304, 15323
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt because its habitat restoration components does not exceed five acres in size, and will be designed to ensure the restoration and enhancement of habitat for wildlife and plants by removing invasive species and trash through the use of manual labor only. Also, the project is exempt as it involves small-scale removal of invasive species and planting of native plants without the removal of health mature trees. The curriculum development and training components are categorically exempt due to the project utilizing regular operations of existing facilities for public gatherings.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Vanessa Aczon Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-286-1015

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Vanessa Aczon Date: 6/17/2024 Title: Project Manager

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____