

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: All 9 Bay Area Counties

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

(Address)

Project Title: Science Elements of the Wetland Regional Monitoring Program

Project Applicant: Aquatic Science Center

Project Location - Specific:

wetland habitat in SF Bay Area

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: All 9 Bay Area Counties

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The San Francisco Estuary Wetland Regional Monitoring Program is a collaboration of organizations and public entities representing major partners in wetland restoration, science, and community engagement. The work support a regional goal to improve understanding of wetland conditions and landscape-scale changes that impact wetland conditions in the Bay, such as sea level rise, and to decrease the burden of monitoring for individual projects. The project will implement wetland monitoring activities, analyze, and share data.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Aquatic Science Center

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: 15061(b)(3), 15262, 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

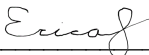
The proposed project consists of monitoring wetlands (e.g., collecting, analyzing, and managing data), sharing data, developing protocols, engaging regulatory agencies and other interested parties and groups, and similar activities. These activities are exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption), 15262 (feasibility and planning studies), and 15306 (information collection); or do not constitute a "project" because the activities will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Karen Verpeet Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-746-7359

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:  Date: 12/19/2024 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.

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