

# San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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# Meeting Notice

**1:00 P.M.**

**December 4, 2014**

**Port of San Francisco**

**Pier 1**

**The Embarcadero**

**San Francisco, CA 94111**

**(415) 274-0400**

## *Tentative Agenda*

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Roll Call**

### **3. Public Comment Period (Each speaker is limited to three minutes)**

A maximum of 15 minutes is available for the public to address the Commission on any matter on which the Commission either has not held a public hearing or is not scheduled for a public hearing later in the meeting. Speakers will be heard in the order of sign-up, and each speaker is generally limited to a maximum of three minutes. It is strongly recommended that public comments be submitted in writing so they can be distributed to all Commission members for review. The Commission may provide more time to each speaker and can extend the public comment period beyond the normal 15-minute maximum if the Commission believes that it is necessary to allow a reasonable opportunity to hear from all members of the public who want to testify. No Commission action can be taken on any matter raised during the public comment period other than to schedule the matter for a future agenda or refer the matter to the staff for investigation unless the matter is scheduled for action by the Commission later in the meeting. (Steve Goldbeck) [415/352-3611; [steve.goldbeck@bcdc.ca.gov](mailto:steve.goldbeck@bcdc.ca.gov)]

4. **Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2014 Meeting**  
(Sharon Louie) [415/352-3638; sharon.louie@bcdc.ca.gov]
5. **Report of the Chair**
6. **Report of the Executive Director**
7. **Commission Consideration of Administrative Matters**  
(Bob Batha) [415/352-3612; bob.batha@bcdc.ca.gov]
8. **Vote on a Request for Consistency Concurrence with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Construction of the Sonoma Creek Enhancement Project, in the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, along the Western Bank of Sonoma Creek and San Pablo Bay, in an Unincorporated Area of Sonoma County; BCDC Consistency Determination No. C2014.004.00**

Exhibit

The Commission will vote on a request from the USFWS to construct the Sonoma Creek Enhancement Project, in the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, in an unincorporated area of Sonoma County. The project involves enhancing and improving habitat within an existing tidal marsh to support special-status species and to eradicate low-lying ponded areas that provide habitat for breeding mosquitos. The project involves the following: (1) dredging 43,4370 cubic yards of material to deepen and expand tidal channels; and (2) placing 31,565 cubic yards of material for marsh habitat features, including 2.0 acres (87,120 square feet) for marsh mounds, 3.0 acres (130,680 square feet) for high marsh lifts, and 10.0 acres (435,600 square feet) for a marsh upland transition habitat ramp. A 1.85-acre portion of the habitat ramp would be placed in the Commission's Bay jurisdiction and would convert the area from tidal marsh to upland habitat. Upon project completion, a total of 283.82 acres of tidal marsh, 9.42 acres of tidal channels, and 11.76 acres of upland (e.g., transitional and refugia habitat) would be provided. Public access would consist of a 1,400-foot-long, approximately 10-foot-wide trail extending south along a levee that bisects Sonoma Baylands and Sears Point restoration site(s). A small seating area with benches and interpretative signage would be provided along the trail. The public hearing was held and closed on November 20, 2014.

(Michelle Burt Levenson) [415/352-3618; michelle.levenson@bcdc.ca.gov]

9. **Staff Report and Recommendation on a Contract with the Center for Collaborative Policy for Facilitation Services**

The Commission will consider a contract with the Center for Collaborative Policy at California State University, Sacramento for up to \$20,000 to provide facilitation services to guide a stakeholder process for the Policies for a Rising Bay Project.

(Sarah Richmond) [415/352-3660; sarah.richmond@bcdc.ca.gov]

10. **Consideration of 2013 Annual Report**

The Commission will consider approving the text of its 2013 annual report.

(Steve Goldbeck) [415/352-3611; [steve.goldbeck@bcdc.ca.gov](mailto:steve.goldbeck@bcdc.ca.gov)]

**11. Public Hearing on an Application by Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, for the Sausalito Ferry Terminal Vessel Boarding Rehabilitation Project in the City of Sausalito, Marin County; BCDC Permit Application No. 2014.001.00**

**Exhibit**

The Commission will hold a public hearing on an application for a major permit to replace existing ferry floats, gangways, and docks with a new standardized and more accessible ferry terminal facility. The project would result in a net increase in fill of approximately 6,943-square-feet. Public access would be provided on the new pier with benches. In coordination with this development, the City of Sausalito will conduct a future planning process to improve public access amenities to the Ferry Plaza area landside of the existing and proposed ferry terminal.

(Erik Buehmann) [415/352-3645; [erik.buehmann@bcdc.ca.gov](mailto:erik.buehmann@bcdc.ca.gov)]

**12. Briefing on Bay Plan Policies Applicable to Proposed Sand Mining Activities**

The Commission will receive a briefing by the staff on the *San Francisco Bay Plan* policies applicable to the sand mining applications currently before the Commission. The briefing will also include responses to Commissioner questions from the July 17, 2014 briefing on sediment transport and sand mining activities in San Francisco Bay.

(Brenda Goeden) [415/352-3623; [brenda.goeden@bcdc.ca.gov](mailto:brenda.goeden@bcdc.ca.gov)]

**13. Adjournment**

**Speaker Sign-Up and Time Limits.** If you would like to comment on an item scheduled for a public hearing or speak during the public comment period, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and give it to a staff member. Each speaker is limited to a maximum of three minutes during the public comment period, and the Chair may set time limits for each speaker at the beginning of a public hearing. You are encouraged to submit written comments of any length and detailed information to the staff. This material will be distributed to the Commission members. Applicants are responsible for presenting their projects at the public hearing.

**Internet Access to Commission Meeting Material.** Public notices of Commission meetings and staff reports dealing with most matters on the meeting agendas can be found on BCDC's website by selecting the date of the meeting after logging onto [www.bcdc.ca.gov](http://www.bcdc.ca.gov).

**Questions and Staff Reports.** If you have any questions concerning an item on the agenda or would like to receive notice of future hearings, or staff reports related to the item, please contact the staff member whose name, email address and direct phone number are indicated in parenthesis at the end of the agenda item.

**Campaign Contributions.** State law requires Commissioners to disqualify themselves from voting on any matter if they have received a campaign contribution from an interested party. If you intend to speak on any hearing item, please indicate on the "Request to Speak" form or in

your testimony if you have made campaign contributions in excess of \$250 to any Commissioner within the last year, and if so, to which Commissioner(s) you have contributed.

Other legal requirements govern contributions by applicants and other interested parties and establish criteria for Commissioner conflicts of interest. Please consult with the staff counsel if you have any questions about the rules that pertain to campaign contributions or conflicts of interest.

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### *Upcoming Meetings of Interest*

The following meetings, which may be of interest, will be held over the next several weeks. All of the meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions concerning one of the meetings or would like to receive a meeting notice, please contact the staff member whose name and direct phone number are indicated in parenthesis.

- **Design Review Board Meeting**

BCDC's Design Review Board will hold a public meeting on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's office, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Milton Marks Conference Center—San Diego Room, San Francisco. Please allow adequate time to go through building security.  
(Ellen Miramontes) [415/352-3643; ellenm@bcdc.ca.gov]

- **Harbor Safety Committee Meeting Cancellation**

The San Francisco Bay Harbor Safety Committee scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2014, has been cancelled.  
(Linda Scourtis) [415/352-3644; linda.scourtis@bcdc.ca.gov]