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TO: Commissioners and Alternates

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Listing of Pending Administrative Matters
(For Commission consideration on June 20, 2019)

This report lists the administrative permit applications, federal consistency actions, marsh development permits in the Secondary Management Area of the Suisun Marsh, regionwide permit actions, minor amendments to the Suisun Marsh Local Protection Program, and emergency permits that are pending with the Commission. The staff members to whom the matters have been assigned are indicated at the end of the projects' description. Inquiries should be directed to the assigned staff member prior to the Commission meeting.

Administrative Permits and Federal Consistency Actions

The following administrative permit application has been filed and is presently pending with the Commission. The Executive Director will take the action indicated on the matter unless the Commission determines that it is necessary to hold a public hearing.

Applicant: Cargill, Incorporated
7220 Central Avenue
Newark, California 94560

BCDC Permit Application No. M2019.009.00

Filed: 04/12/19
90th Day: 07/11/19

Location: The project involves work both within the Commission's salt pond and certain waterway jurisdictions, at Plummer Creek, in the City of Newark, Alameda County, and in the Bay and within a Wildlife Refuge Priority Use Area, on the southern side of Mowry Slough within the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge, in the City of Fremont, Alameda County.

Description: In a certain waterway and within a salt pond:

1. Construct a clear span concrete bridge (approximately 24 feet wide, 61 feet long, and 33 inches thick), over Plummer Creek, with approximately 777 square feet of cantilevered fill over a certain waterway and approximately 860 square feet of fill in salt pond jurisdiction.



Within a salt pond:

2. Fill an approximately 5,189-square-foot area (approximately 830 cubic yards) northwest of the proposed bridge, including an approximately 3,107-square-foot sheet-pile-supported section of road (approximately 760 cubic yards) in a brine channel;
3. Construct roadways to connect to the adjacent access roads on either side of the bridge abutments along existing berms and on top of the filled brine channel; and
4. Place two brine ditch pipes under the roadway to connect both sides the brine channel beneath the roadway.

In the Bay and within a Wildlife Refuge Priority Use Area:

5. Remove an approximately 436-square-foot building located in a salt marsh on the southern side of Mowry Slough.

The project involves construction of a bridge over Plummer Creek to facilitate truck traffic associated with solar salt works operations by Cargill. The bridge would allow the majority of truck traffic associated with Cargill's operation to be redirected to a route that would avoid trucks being run along the perimeter of a newly constructed residential neighborhood. Construction of the bridge would result in approximately 777 square feet of new cantilevered fill in the Commission's certain waterway jurisdiction over Plummer Creek, and new fill over an approximately 6,049-square-foot area within the Commission's salt pond jurisdiction. To mitigate for the impact of fill associated with the proposed bridge at Plumber Creek, the project also includes removal of an abandoned structure located within a tidal salt marsh area at Mowry Slough, in the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge, resulting in a 436-square-foot reduction of fill in the Bay. Special conditions would be included to require construction best management practices to avoid water quality or habitat impacts as a result of construction activities. The bridge would be located within an area that is used for salt pond operations and is not currently available for public access. Special conditions would be included to ensure that the project provides for reasonable future public access connectivity in the vicinity of the project area.

Tentative Staff Position: *Recommend Approval with Conditions.*
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