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September 15, 2017

Mr. Allan Shu
City of Foster City
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SUBJECT: Foster City Intake 2017 Maintenance Dredging Episode Approval;
BCDC Permit No. M1978.057.00, Amendment No. Two

Dear Mr. Shu:

Thank you for your episode approval request dated August 18, 2017 and received in this office on August 21, 2017, and the revised episode approval received on September 14, 2017 for maintenance dredging at the Foster City West Intake Area in the City of Foster City, San Mateo County. This episode includes maintenance dredging of up to 12,800 cubic yards (cy) of sediment as shown on the pre-dredge survey dated August 3, 2017 to the authorized project depths of minus five feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW), plus one foot of over-depth allowance. The dredged material shall be placed at the Cullinan Ranch Restoration Project. No further dredging is authorized.

We have reviewed City of Foster City's (City) permit file, its signed Small Dredger Programmatic Agreement regarding dredged sediment disposal analysis, the Water Quality Certification issued by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board on April 14, 2017, and the environmental work windows affecting your project. The Dredge Material Management Office (DMMO) reviewed the sediment chemistry results for the project on April 20, 2016 and determined that additional testing and reanalysis of some of the observed concentrations for metals, DDT, PAHs, and PCBs in the sediment cores was necessary. The City submitted an addendum with additional sediment testing and analysis, and the DMMO determined on June 1, 2016 that the sediment was suitable for placement at the Cullinan Ranch Restoration Project.

The City provided the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) with their project description and proposal to use mechanical dredging methods, and on July 20, 2017 CDFW concurred that this project is not expected to take longfin smelt. CDFW did not object to this project. Please note that it is the City's responsibility to apply for an incidental take permit from CDFW if the City has any reason to believe that their activity could result in taking longfin smelt or other state-listed species.

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Dredging must be completed by November 30th to comply with the work window for Pacific herring, steelhead trout, and the Ridgway's rail. If an extension of time is needed, consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and/or CDFW will be required. If consultation is necessary, please provide the results of the consultation to BCDC for review and approval of dredging beyond the designated work window for this area.

Your project can proceed as authorized herein, and as specified in the authorization section of your permit. The project cannot go beyond the authorizations of the permit or this approval letter, or the City may be subject to enforcement actions. In addition, please be advised that you should submit a post-dredge report to us within 30 days of completion of this dredging episode as required by the special conditions of BCDC Permit No. M1978.057.00, Amendment No. Two. If you have any questions or changes to your project, please contact me at 415/352-3624 or via email at anniken.lydon@bcdc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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