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SUBJECT: Additions and Changes to Staff Recommendation for the West Bay Sanitary District Flow Equalization and Resource Recovery Facility Levee Improvement Project
(For Commission consideration on April 6, 2023)

Proposed Revisions to Staff Recommendation

In the staff recommendation dated March 30, 2023, for BCDC Permit Application No. 2022.001.00 for the West Bay Sanitary District Flow Equalization and Resource Recovery Facility Levee Improvement Project at 1700 Marsh Road, in the City of Menlo Park, San Mateo County, the staff would like to update the project description regarding the area of fill for the oyster reef framework within the Bay, as well as the area of coverage for the temporary cofferdam throughout the document, and the other specific revisions mentioned below.

Upon recent recalculation of the area of coverage for the oyster reef framework and the temporary cofferdam, the applicant clarified the quantities for these project features to Commission staff. There is a slight increase in fill area for the oyster reef framework from 0.11 acres to 0.18 acres, but no change in the volume of fill. Also, the area covered by the temporary cofferdam would be reduced from an additional 0.71 acres to there being no additional temporary fill, because the cofferdam would be placed within the temporary impact area and footprint for the ecotone levee (1.12 acres). The total area of permanent Bay fill coverage would now be 1.30 acres (56,628 square feet) rather than the 1.23 acres originally estimated and included in the staff recommendation. In the authorization and respective findings sections, changes would reflect the increase in the oyster reef area and the decrease in the temporary impact area of the cofferdam, including minor adjustments to total fill square footage and acreage, and would be made throughout the staff recommendation for Commission consideration. These minor changes to the actual area of coverage and the total fill area in the staff recommendation do not change the staff analysis of the project or the recommendation.



In addition, the following more specific clarifications would need to be made:

[Page 25, Paragraph 3, Lines 1-3]

“The project site provides habitat for many federally-and state-listed species that rely on the Bay, mudflats, tidal marsh, and upland habitats. These species all use the site for a variety of needs including foraging, roosting, nesting, etc.”

Should be changed to

“The project site provides habitat for many native species that rely on the Bay, mudflats, tidal marsh, and upland habitats, and may provide habitat for federally- and state-listed species. These species all use the site for a variety of needs including foraging, roosting, nesting, etc.”

Similarly, [Page 41, Paragraph 3, the entire paragraph]

“Currently the site provides habitat for many federally- and state-listed species, including California least tern, California Ridgway’s rail, California black rail, salt marsh harvest mouse, Central California Coast steelhead, North American green sturgeon, longfin smelt, as well as many native species of fish, birds, mammals, invertebrates, and plants that rely on the Bay, mudflats, tidal marsh, and upland habitats. Many of the different species at the site use specific habitats for foraging, roosting, nesting, and other activities essential for life.”

Should be changed to

“Currently the arears surrounding the site provide habitat for many federally- and state-listed species, including California least tern, California Ridgway’s rail, California black rail, salt marsh harvest mouse, Central California Coast steelhead, North American green sturgeon, and longfin smelt, as well as many native species of fish, birds, mammals, invertebrates, and plants that rely on the Bay, mudflats, tidal marsh, and upland habitats. Many of the different species in and around the site use specific habitats for foraging, roosting, nesting, and other activities essential for life.”

Finally, staff would like to make minor, non-substantive grammatical and typographical changes in several locations in the final authorized permit, as needed.