

# San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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**TO:** Commissioners and Alternates

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**SUBJECT: Additional Listing of Administrative Matters**  
(For Commission consideration on February 19, 2026)

## Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Commission about new administrative matters.

- The Commission's rules allow the Executive Director to take action on various administrative matters on behalf of the Commission. This report is provided for Commissioners and the public to learn about actions the Executive Director proposes to take or has recently taken.
- This report also details new planning and permitting matters taken by local governments in the secondary management area of the Suisun Marsh.

## Pending Administrative Permit Applications

### What is Being Reported Here:

The Executive Director acts on [administrative permit](#) applications. Pending administrative applications are reported here to inform Commissioners and the public and to answer any questions or concerns about the Executive Director's determination that a project is "minor" in scope.

The Commission has two options regarding how to proceed:

- If the Commission takes no action, the Executive Director will act on these pending applications within the deadlines established by state law; or,
- If a Commissioner objects to the classification of the project as "minor," and a majority of Commissioners agree, a hearing will be scheduled to decide on the proper classification of the project.



**New Administrative Permit Applications:**

**Applicant:** **Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District**  
399 Elmhurst Street  
Hayward, CA, 94544

**BCDC Permit Application No. M2025.031.00**

Filed: September 5, 2025  
90th Day: December 4, 2026, extended to March 4, 2026

**Location:** Within the Commission's Bay and 100-foot shoreline band jurisdictions, at the Alameda Creek West End North Levee Turnaround, located along the north bank levee at the mouth of Alameda Creek in the City of Fremont, Alameda County.

**Description:** Construct a new, approximately 70-foot-diameter vehicular turnaround structure on an existing public access trail approximately 600 feet upstream from an existing turnaround location that has become eroded due to wave and tidal actions. The project is intended to meet the required U.S. Army Corps of Engineers standards and facilitate emergency vehicle access. The project will raise the new turnaround structure by approximately 4 horizontal feet and 1 vertical foot to accommodate the future need to raise the levee for sea level rise. The proposed project includes:

1. Placement of approximately 889 cubic yards of new fill in BCDC's Bay jurisdiction (approximately 815 cubic yards of clean imported dirt fill and approximately 74 cubic yards of Class 2 aggregate base gravel).
2. Placement of approximately 489 cubic yards of new fill in BCDC's 100-foot shoreline band jurisdiction (approximately 372 cubic yards of clean imported dirt fill and approximately 117 cubic yards of Class 2 aggregate base gravel).
3. Creation of approximately 0.205 acres of seasonal wetlands approximately 2.5 miles upstream to mitigate for permanent and temporary impacts to intertidal marsh habitat.

**Tentative Staff Position:** *Recommend Approval with Conditions.*  
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**Applicant:** **Santa Clara Valley Water District**  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 94112

**BCDC Permit Application No. M2025.015.00**

Filed: February 9, 2026  
90th Day: May 11, 2026

**Location:** Within the Commission's Salt Pond and 100-foot shoreline band jurisdictions at Pond A4, located north of East Caribbean Drive, 600 Block, in the City of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County, 94089

**Description:** The proposed Pond A4 Resilient Habitat Restoration Project would involve the beneficial reuse of sediment and soil to construct an approximately 40-acre shallow mudflat habitat bench along the southern edge of Pond A4, a former salt pond. The project is designed to improve foraging habitat for shorebirds while helping reduce the regional sediment deficit in South San Francisco Bay. Construction would occur incrementally over roughly 15–20 years as sediment becomes available. To support construction access, a short segment of an existing maintenance road would be widened, and a temporary earthen staging area would be built within Pond A4 and later converted into habitat bench. All disturbed upland and diked salt marsh areas below the pond's top of bank would be restored following construction.

The habitat bench would convert a portion of perennially ponded open water into non-tidal, shallow mudflat suitable for shorebird foraging. Its elevation is designed to remain shallowly flooded or exposed as mudflat under current managed water levels, maximizing habitat availability across seasonal water fluctuations.

The project would include an approximately 300-square-foot public access viewing area to provide a safe location for the public to observe restored and future tidal habitats at Pond A4 while avoiding impacts to sensitive ecological areas. The viewing area would be located along the Pond A4 southern berm, adjacent to a future tidal breach in the berm that is planned as part of the separate Calabazas/San Tomas Aquino Creeks Marsh Connection Project. It would be built entirely on an existing upland maintenance road and would connect to the adjacent Bay Trail, ensuring that no construction occurs in restored habitats within Pond A4 or in adjacent jurisdictional waters such as the Sunnyvale East Channel. The viewing area would include appropriate public access amenities, including seating, interpretive elements, and habitat-protective fencing as appropriate.

Construction of the public access area would be required to be designed and implemented by December 1, 2030, in tandem with a proposed future breach of the Pond A4 southern levee, linked to the Calabazas and San Tomas Aquino Creeks Marsh Connection Project (Creek-Marsh Connection Project), a separate project proposed by Santa Clara Valley Water District. If the breach of the Pond A4 levee does not occur by December 1, 2030, the permittee would design and implement an alternate public access proposal of greater or equal public benefit, subject to approval by BCDC, by September 30, 2031.

The project would be monitored for a minimum of five years following completion of each habitat bench segment, and adaptive management measures would be implemented if necessary to ensure the Project meets its goals. The Project would include standard best management practices and other avoidance and minimization measures to protect Bay natural resources and water quality during construction.

In total, the project would involve approximately 40 acres of beneficial fill for habitat within BCDC's Salt Pond jurisdiction, in addition to minor fill (approximately 300 square feet) for public access within an existing upland area of salt pond levee adjacent to Pond A4.

**Tentative Staff Position:** *Recommend Approval with Conditions.*  
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### Notice of Projects Proceeding Under Regionwide Permits

#### What is Being Reported Here:

The Executive Director takes action on requests by projects that apply to proceed under a [regionwide permit](#). When the Executive Director grants permission for a project to proceed under a regionwide permit, details on the project are reported here.

This update is provided for information only; there is no further action for the Commission to take.

#### Recent Projects Authorized to Proceed Under a Regionwide Permit:

**Applicant:** **Reza Malek**  
334 Poe Street  
Palo Alto, CA 94301



**BCDC Permit Application No. NOI2026.002.00**

**Filed:** February 3, 2026

**Issued:** February 10, 2026

**Location:** Within the Commission's 100-foot shoreline band, at 207 Valley Street, in the City of Sausalito, Marin County.

**Description:** The project will consist of (1) installation of a surface drainage system under a 19- by 20.5-foot deck that is currently being constructed, (2) repair and extension of rainwater downspouts and development of a riprap lined drainage feature to direct flow adjacent to the deck, and (3) installation of 5 by 19 feet of stormwater dispersion rock for water to discharge.