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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
ALAMEDA COUNTY

Alameda County Public Works Agency (Lead Agency)

1. **Project Name:** Zone 12, Line P (San Leandro Creek) Desilting Project, City of Oakland.

2. **Description and Location:** The proposed project is located on Zone 12 Line P (San Leandro Creek) approximately 110 feet upstream of the 98th Avenue bridge and 130 feet downstream of the Hegenberger Road bridge in the City of Oakland. The proposed project would involve the removal of approximately 5,000 cubic yards of deposited silt along approximately 2,500 linear feet of earthen, engineered channel, dewatering the work area will include the use of temporary cofferdams and placement of a pipe to route water around the construction area. The removal of silt would be conducted using a long reach excavator stationed along the banks on the existing access road. Removed silt will be deposited offsite in an appropriate disposal site. The purpose of the project is to restore the capacity of the existing flood control channel to the original design configuration.

3. **Person or Entity Undertaking Project:** Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

4. **Responsible Agencies:** Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

5. **Findings:** Based on the attached Initial Study, the Lead Agency has found that:

The project will not have significant effect on the environment.

The significant effects of the project noted in the attached Initial Study have been eliminated or mitigated by revisions to the project so that the potential adverse effects are reduced to a point where no significant effects would occur.

6. **Mitigation Measures: Biological Resources (1)** Construction will take place during in late summer to fall after the avian nesting season. Preconstruction surveys will be conducted within 30 days prior to initiation of construction activities to identify nesting avian species including potential threatened and endangered species. Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) will be established around any occupied nests found within the project area. These areas will be flagged and fenced to prevent encroachment within 200 feet of occupied nests. A qualified biologist will monitor the nests daily during construction until the young have fledged. **(2)** If fish are present when cofferdams are installed, a fish relocation plan will be implemented to ensure that fish are not stranded. During initial site dewatering, any fish or amphibians stranded in the dewatered are will be relocated downstream or upstream as determined by qualified biologist. **(3)** In order to reduce the amount of time that special status species habitat may be lost due to disturbance of vegetation, "pockets" of salt marsh will be spared dredging and areas of bank disturbance will be hydroseeded with a local, native seed mix.

7. **Date of Public Notice of Negative Declaration:** July 10, 2008.

8. **End of Review Period:** August 12, 2008.

**ISSUANCE OF THIS NEGATIVE
DECLARATION DOES NOT IMPLY
APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT**

Signature

Deputy Director of Public Works

Date