

**DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION
ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (Lead Agency)

1. Project Name: Flood Control District Multi-objective Flood Management Program within the South-Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project in Alameda County

2. Description, Location, and Assessor's Parcel Number(s):

The proposed project would involve: 1) levee improvements to 3,000 feet of the South Bay Salt Ponds Shoreline Protection Levee System west of the Union Sanitary District facility, raising the existing earthen levee several feet to a height of 15 feet above mean sea level to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood standards while accommodating San Francisco Bay Trail use; 2) levee breaching at four discrete locations along the lower three and one-half miles of Old Alameda Creek to improve tidal circulation for habitat enhancement and sediment management; and 3) removal of approximately 44,000 cubic yards of sediment from Old Alameda Creek at two locations between Interstate 880 freeway and the twenty tide-gates structure approximately three-fourths mile southwest of Hesperian Avenue for flood management. The purposes of the project are to increase flood protection of adjacent communities to meet FEMA flood protection standards and make the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project plans for shoreline habitat restoration feasible, reduce the amount of excessive sediment deposition by designing the levee system to take advantage of the effects of tidal scour and encouraging San Francisco Bay Trail use of the levees.

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

4. Responsible Agencies: Regional Water quality Control Board (RWQCB), California department of Fish and Game (CDFG), Unites States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), and San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC).

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. Date of Public Notice of Negative Declaration: January 12, 2009

7. End of Review Period: February 16, 2009

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

Signature

Deputy Director of Public Works

Date