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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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☒ Office of Planning and Research

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From:
Public Agency: CA Regional Water Quality Control
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2013022056

Project Title: Maintenance Dredging of the Federal Navigation Channels in San Francisco Bay Fiscal Years 2015 -

Project Applicant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District (USACE)

Project Location (include county): Greater Bay Area - 11 Counties

Project Description:
The Regional Water Board has issued a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification/Waste Discharge Requirements (Order) for USACE's continued maintenance dredging operations in San Francisco Bay for the period of 2015-2019. To avoid in-Bay fish entrainment, the Order requires a reduction in the use of hydraulic hopper dredging equipment in 2017. A statement of overriding consideration was adopted for the two-year period when fish species may be impacted. After this period, the project impacts are less-than significant. Mitigation measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate fish entrainment are required during the initial two-year phase-out period.

This is to advise that the CA Regional Water Quality Control Board (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on May 13, 2015 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/dredging/Fed Nav Channels_FEAEIR_April

Signature (Public Agency): Bruce H. Wolfe Title: Executive Officer

Date: May 20, 2015 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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