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Lead Agency: Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7

Project Title: Gallinas Levee Upgrade

Project Location: San Rafael, Marin County

City

County

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7 is proposing to implement the Gallinas Levee Upgrade Project. The Project would rebuild an existing wooden structure – the Timber-Reinforced Berm, or TRB – that is a crucial component of the levee system that protects the Santa Venetia neighborhood from flooding, and would make other improvements to the levee system.

Santa Venetia, a residential neighborhood of about 900 homes, is located in unincorporated Marin County along the South bank of South Fork Gallinas Creek, just upstream of where the creek flows into San Pablo Bay. The neighborhood, which was built in the early to mid-20th century, is protected from flooding by an aging and subsiding system of levees, berms, and pump stations. Without these facilities, widespread and damaging tidal floods would be a regular occurrence.

Please identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Air Quality Impacts:

1. The Project could expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.
Mitigation Measure AIR-1: Diesel Exhaust Emissions Reduction Measures
Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

Biological Resources Impacts:

1. The Project could have a substantial adverse effect on special-status species.
Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Avoidance of Sensitive Species
Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Site Protection and Contractor Environmental Awareness Training
Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant
2. The Project could have a substantial adverse effect on riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community.
Mitigation Measure BIO-3: Protection for Sensitive Natural Communities
Mitigation Measure BIO-4: Habitat Restoration and Monitoring
Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

Biological Resources Impacts (continued)

3. The Project could have a substantial adverse effect on federally or state protected wetlands.

Mitigation Measure BIO-5: Wetland Delineation, Mitigation, and Monitoring

Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

Cultural Resources Impacts

1. The Project could cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource.

Mitigation Measure CUL-1: Archaeological Monitoring

Mitigation Measure CUL-2: Construction Personnel Training

Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

2. The Project could disturb human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries.

Mitigation Measure CUL-3: Training for Accidental Discovery of Human Remains

Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

If applicable, please describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

- Members of the public have raised concern about the visual impacts of the project.
- The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has raised concerns about the potential for the Project to impact special status species, including Ridgeway's rail and salt marsh harvest mouse.

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board