

BUTANO FARMS SAN FRANCISCO GARTER SNAKE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
CEQA Draft IS/MND
Summary Form

Project: Butano Farms San Francisco Garter Snake Habitat Enhancement Project

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Project Location: The Project site is located within the Butano Farms property owned by Peninsula Open Space Trust, approximately one mile south of the town of Pescadero in San Mateo County.

Project APN(s): 086080030

Brief Description of the Project:

San Mateo Resource Conservation District proposes to implement the Butano Farms San Francisco Garter Snake Habitat Enhancement Project located in San Mateo County, California. The Butano Farms Project Area consists of 65 acres, which is owned and managed by the Peninsula Open Space Trust. The goal of the proposed project is to improve habitat conditions for San Francisco garter snake on Butano Farms property. The proposed project would directly impact 16.57 acres and includes vegetation management targeted across upland habitat and modification to an existing 1-acre pond to restore grassland and herbaceous wetlands habitats to support movement, foraging, and breeding habitat used by San Francisco garter snake, California red-legged frog, and a variety of other native wetland and grassland dependent species.

The proposed project provides mitigation for biological impacts associated with Pacific Gas & Electric Company Line 101 Inline Inspection and Upgrade, and Lomita Park Station Rebuild Project in the City of Millbrae, San Mateo County. PG&E provided financial contribution to the RCD for management of land with emphasis on management for San Francisco garter snake.

The attached Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) discusses potential project impacts and includes mitigation measures to reduce any possible impacts to less than significant with mitigation. The purpose of the IS/MND is to inform decision-makers, representatives of affected and responsible agencies, the public, and other interested parties of the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project. The IS/MND evaluates potential impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed project. The document has been prepared in compliance with the 1970 CEQA (as amended), codified in California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq., and the CEQA Guidelines in the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, § 15000 et seq. The RCD has opted to prepare an IS/MND to achieve the goals and objectives of the proposed project.