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SCH #: 2020080442

Project Title: Environmental Assessment for Cargill, Inc. Solar Sea Salt System Maintenance and Operations Activities

Lead Agency: San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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Project Location: Newark and Redwood City, Alameda and San Mateo Counties

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to continue existing maintenance of and operational activities at Cargill's Solar Salt Systems in Newark/Fremont and Redwood City over the next 10 years. The specific Project objectives include to: (1) continue conducting various activities necessary to maintain the integrity and stability of earthen berms, water control structures, and other infrastructure to ensure continued viability of salt production activities; (2) allow for implementation of preliminary sea level rise (SLR) adaptation efforts, including an adaptation pilot project; and (3) permit Cargill to develop and implement new maintenance methods that may further reduce the potential effects of maintenance activities on the environment, improve efficiency, and/or adapt to changing climate conditions, where appropriate, while ensuring any new maintenance methods will still result in less-than-significant impacts on the environment.

For more detailed Project Description information, see the Draft EA published electronically to OPR/SCH via CEQANet on April 30, 2021 (reference SCH #2020080442).

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

BCDC has analyzed in the EA the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Project. Based on this analysis, all project impacts were found to have a less-than-significant effect on the environment with implementation of BMPs and identified mitigation measures.

For more detailed information regarding the Proposed Project's potentially significant environmental effects, project modifications, and mitigation measures, see the Draft EA published electronically to OPR/SCH via CEQANet on April 30, 2021 (reference SCH #2020080442).

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

In response to publication of the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project, distributed through various methods to potentially-interested parties and published electronically to OPR/SCH via CEQANet on August 26, 2020 (reference SCH #2020080442), BCDC received two scoping comment letters:

The California Department of Transportation, District 4 Office of Transit and Community Planning submitted a letter dated September 22, 2020 that commented on the project understanding and potential impacts to the State Right-of-Way from Project-related temporary access points.

The San Francisco Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, with a consortium of other interested organizations, submitted a letter on September 24, 2020 regarding the following subjects (paraphrased): use of the phrase "the minimum fill necessary" with respect to the existing permit in regards to anticipated fill for proposed activities; regarding lock access/egress, the need to assess the condition of "spoil piles"; regarding removal of sediment from water intake structures, the need to identify how said structures will be accessed and where removed sediments will be placed; the term "maintenance" should not be used for activities that may result in alteration of existing conditions; regarding minor fill and excavation, the need to identify where activities may occur and estimate amounts of fill needed and types of habitat affected; regarding modification to internal flow patterns within ponds, address consequences for waterbirds; need to identify best management practices.

Both scoping comment letters are part of the administrative record for the Proposed Project and may be obtained directly from BCDC by emailing info@bcdc.ca.gov.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Federal agencies: US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bay Delta Office; US Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District; US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9; National Marine Fisheries Service

State agencies: California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Region 3 (Bay Delta, Fairfield); California Department of Transportation, District 4 (Bay Area/Oakland); Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 2 (San Francisco Bay, Oakland); State Lands Commission

Regional/local agencies: Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District