

## Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Corte Madera Four-Acre Tidal Marsh Restoration ProjectLead Agency: Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation DistrictContact Name: Jonathan HidalgoEmail: hidalgo@wra-ca.comPhone Number: 510-768-7022Project Location: Town of Corte Madera, Marin County

City

County

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

The District proposes to construct the Corte Madera Four-Acre Tidal Marsh Restoration Project within the District's 72-acre property adjacent to the San Francisco Bay and the Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve in the Town of Corte Madera. The property, formerly named Muzzi Marsh, was historically tidal marsh and was later diked and received Bay dredge materials as early as the 1950s. The Project would restore approximately 4.20 acres of tidal marsh and relocate 0.28 acre of seasonal wetland within the western portion of the property. The Project is proposed to mitigate impacts to California Ridgway's rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) associated with a 1988 permit for the deposition of dredge material and impacts to tidal marsh habitat associated with 1996 modifications to ferry operations including use of a high-speed ferry.

Tidal marsh restoration would occur by tidally connecting the Project Site to an existing tidal channel within the District's property. This would require breaching the northern berm on the perimeter of the Project Site and excavating material from four acres of high ground down to appropriate elevations to allow tidal inundation during high tides. A new berm would be re-routed and constructed and would function similarly to the informal public access trail currently present within the site. Other activities involved in marsh restoration include tree removal, exclusion fence installation, monitoring and reporting, and deeding the successful restoration to an appropriate management entity.

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

The Initial Study (IS) identified potentially significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural resources. All potentially significant impacts are reduced to less-than-significant levels by implementation of mitigation measures described below and further detailed in the IS and Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program.

Air: Compliance with Air District-recommended best management practices.

Biology: Integration of mitigation recommended by the USFWS and NMFS during Section 7 consultation into construction documents.

Cultural & Tribal Cultural Resources: Work stoppage for accidental disturbance of archaeological resources and human remains.

Geology & Soils: Inspection of the new berm in the event of a significant earthquake; Work stoppage for accidental discovery of unique paleontological resources or geologic features.

Hazards & Hazardous Materials: Best management practices to protect against accident and upset conditions with hazardous materials.

Hydrology & Water Quality: Erosion control measures and compliance with 401 permitting conditions; Heavy equipment buffer around protected waters.

Noise: Development of a noise mitigation plan for construction activity.

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

The primary area of controversy known to the Lead Agency is that of impacts to biological resources, as the Project Site is known to contain special-status species such as California Ridgway's Rail and the Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse. Impacts to biological resources are addressed in the Initial Study and have been discussed with responsible agencies. All impacts to biological resources have been reduced to less-than-significant levels through implementation of appropriate mitigation measures. The Project would have a net positive effect on biological resources through the restoration of suitable habitat for special-status species.

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

Approvals or consultations are anticipated to be required from the following agencies:

- Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC Permit)
- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Section 401 Water Quality Certification)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (Section 404 Nationwide Permit)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (Section 7 Consultation)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (Section 7 Consultation)