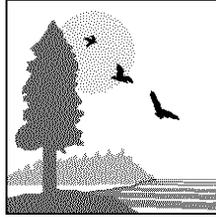


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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO CERTIFY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the San Francisco Bay and Delta Sand Mining Project (Project). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2906, the CSLC is providing an opportunity for public review of the Final EIR at least 15 days before taking action on the EIR and Project.

Project Title: San Francisco Bay and Delta Sand Mining Project

Project Location: The proposed Project is located on sovereign lands under the jurisdiction of the CSLC within Central San Francisco Bay, Middle Ground Shoal in Suisun Bay, and areas located north of the federal navigation channels in Suisun Bay and the western Delta, as well as a privately owned parcel at Middle Ground Shoal in Suisun Bay. Currently, sand mining occurs in these areas, although such mining does not occur uniformly within these locations, but rather is clustered in specific areas, typically characterized by high-river or tidal velocities and sand deposits that contain a low percentage of fine material (silts, clay, and mud).

Project Description: The CSLC is considering granting new leases of California sovereign lands (at the existing parcel sites) to the Applicants, Hanson Marine Operations (Hanson) and Jerico Products/Morris Tug and Barge (Jerico), for an additional 10-year period. The leases, if granted, would allow the Applicants to continue mining sand within the lease area boundaries up to the allowed annual volumes. Hanson is proposing to lease the following Central Bay parcels, all of which are sovereign lands under the jurisdiction of the CSLC: PRC 709 (Presidio, Alcatraz North, and Point Knox North Shoals); PRC 2036 (Point Knox South); PRC 7779 (Point Knox Shoal); PRC 7780 (Alcatraz South Shoal). On behalf of Suisun Associates, Hanson is proposing to lease PRC 7781 (Suisun Bay/Delta), which is also sovereign land under the jurisdiction of the CSLC, located in Suisun Bay and the western Delta in the San Joaquin and Sacramento River channels upstream of Suisun Bay. The lease areas combined total 3,643 acres. The Applicants propose to mine a combined volume of 1,840,000 cubic yards per year from the CSLC parcels. Hanson and Jerico also propose to renew permits for mining a privately owned parcel, TLS 39, at Middle Ground Shoal in Suisun Bay, to allow the mining of up to 200,000 cubic yards of

sand per year. The CSLC has no jurisdiction over this privately owned parcel; however, mining at this location is subject to regulatory approval of responsible agencies and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Therefore, the Applicants' proposed renewal of permits to mine sand at Middle Ground Shoal is also evaluated in the Final EIR.

Commission Action: This Final EIR was prepared in compliance with CEQA and in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.). The State CEQA Guidelines stipulate that an EIR must be prepared for any project that may have a significant impact on the environment. The CSLC has determined that: (1) the proposed Project is a "project" as defined by the State CEQA Guidelines; (2) the Project may have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and (3) an EIR was required.

A Revised Draft EIR was circulated for a 62-day public review period beginning November 1, 2011. The Final EIR is comprised of the full text of the Revised Draft EIR and subsequent changes, and includes the information below:

- Preface (Part I);
- Comments and Responses to Comments received on the Revised Draft EIR, including a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies that commented on the Revised Draft EIR during the public review period (Part II);
- Revisions to the Revised Draft EIR and any other information added to the EIR by the CSLC as Lead Agency (Part III); and
- Mitigation Monitoring Program (Part III, EIR Section 7.0).

Both the Revised Draft and Final EIRs, identified as CSLC EIR No. 742 and State Clearinghouse No. 2007072036, may be viewed electronically, in PDF format, on the CSLC's website at www.slc.ca.gov (under the "Information" tab and "CEQA Updates" link). Copies of the Final EIR will also be available for review at the following locations:

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Berkeley Central Library 2090 Kittredge Street Berkeley, CA 94704 (510) 981-6119	San Francisco Main Library 100 Larkin Street San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 557-4400

If you would like a compact disc (CD) of the Final EIR mailed to you, please contact Christopher Huitt at the above telephone number or email address.

The CSLC will meet to review and consider certification of the Final EIR and, if the Final EIR is certified, to take action on the proposed Project at its next meeting, which will be held on October 19, 2012, in Sacramento at a time and location to be determined. Further details will be provided as they become available on the CSLC's website at www.slc.ca.gov. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Christopher Huitt (contact information listed above).

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