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DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANT:

Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District
P.O. Box 9000, Presidio Station
San Francisco, CA 94123

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign land within the berths and navigational approach channel of the Larkspur Ferry Terminal between San Pablo Bay and the entrance channel to Corte Madera Creek, city of Larkspur, Marin County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Maintenance dredge a maximum of 1,250,000 cubic yards of material over ten years to maintain a navigable depth. Dredged material will be disposed of at the United States Army Corps of Engineers' designated sites at SF-11 (Alcatraz), SF-10 (San Pablo Bay), SF-DODS (Deep Ocean Disposal Site), Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project site, Montezuma Wetlands Restoration Project, and/or other United States Army Corps of Engineers' approved disposal sites.

LEASE TERM:

Ten years, beginning April 6, 2010.

CONSIDERATION:

No monetary consideration will be charged because the project will result in a public benefit as the dredging will enhance water-related commerce and navigation in San Francisco Bay. The dredged material may not be sold.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On April 13, 1999, the Commission authorized a ten-year Dredging Lease with Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (District) for maintenance dredging of a maximum of 730,000 cubic yards of material within the Larkspur Ferry channel. That lease expired on April 30, 2009. The District needs to perform more maintenance dredging and is now requesting a new Dredging Lease.

2. The Project is part of a larger dredging project of 1,500,000 cubic yards within the berths and navigational approach channel for the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. No lease is required for the dredging of the 250,000 cubic yards that will occur on that portion of land that is outside of the Commission's jurisdiction.

3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15304(g).

   Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

4. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
Regional Water Quality Control Board

APPROVALS REQUIRED:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

EXHIBIT:

A. Location and Site Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

CEQA FINDING:

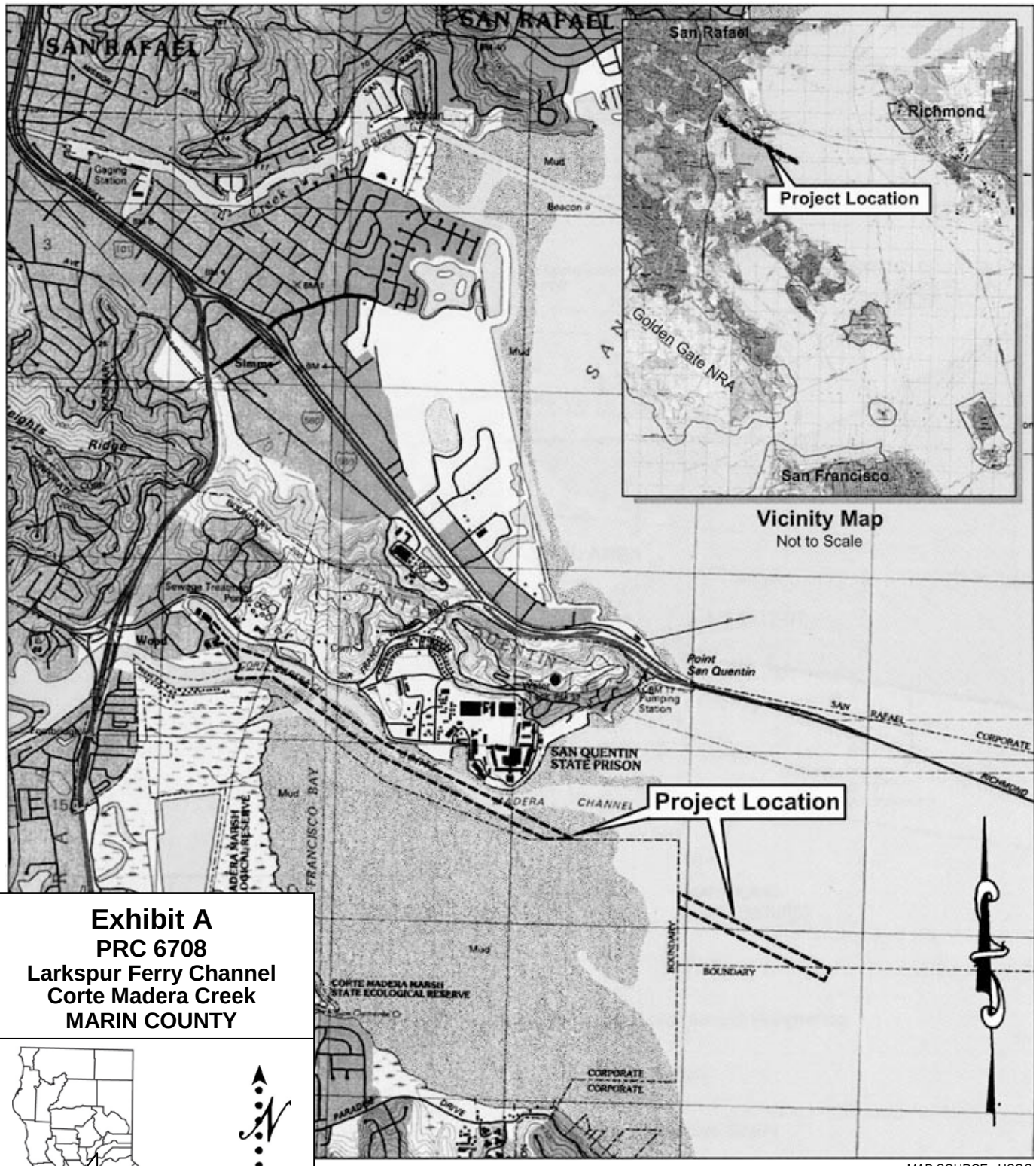
Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061 as a categorically exempt project, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15304(g).

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

Find that this activity is consistent with the use classification designated by the commission for the land pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370, et seq.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize the issuance of a ten-year dredging lease to Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District, beginning April 6, 2010, to dredge a maximum of 1,250,000 cubic yards of material during the lease term within the berths and navigational approach channel of the Larkspur Ferry Terminal, as shown on exhibit A attached and by this reference made a part hereof. Dredged material will be disposed of at the United States Army Corps of Engineers' designated sites at SF-11 (Alcatraz), SF-10 (San Pablo Bay), SF-DODS (Deep Ocean Disposal Site), Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project site, Montezuma Wetlands Restoration Project, and/or other United States Army Corps of Engineers' approved disposal sites. Such permitted activity is contingent upon applicant's compliance with applicable permits issued by federal, State, and local governments. No monetary consideration will be charged as the dredging project will result in a public benefit. The dredged material may not be sold.



MAP SOURCE: USGS

Exhibit A

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Larkspur Ferry Channel
Corte Madera Creek
MARIN COUNTY

This exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by the Lessee or other parties, and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.