



SAN MATEO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
625 Miramontes Street #103  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

1. Project Title & Number: Butano Creek Channel Reconnection and Resilience Project
2. Property Owner(s): California State Parks Department, County of San Mateo, and private property owners
3. County contact person: Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director; (650) 712-7765; kellyx@sanmateoRCD.org
4. Project location: The Project site is within Pescadero Marsh Natural Preserve between State Route 1 and Pescadero Creek Road, Pescadero State Beach, and private property to the south of Pescadero Creek Road.
5. Project APNs: 086-221-010, 086-221-020, 086-221-030, 086-230-030, 086-230-020, 086-160-060, 086-090-010, 086-111-190, and 086-270-010
6. Project Sponsor: San Mateo Resource Conservation District
7. General Plan designation: Agriculture and Institutional/Open Study/Future Study
8. Zoning: Planned Agricultural District/Coastal Development District (PAD/CD)
9. Brief Description of the Project: The Project involves excavating approximately 46,300 cubic yards of sediment from approximately 7,400 linear feet of Butano Creek. Excavation of the creek would extend from upstream of the Pescadero Creek Road bridge to approximately 300 feet downstream of the confluence with Butano Channel, near a pedestrian bridge and existing marsh control structure (i.e., sandbag dam) in Pescadero Marsh Natural Preserve. Other Project elements include: augmenting an existing berm on private property upstream of Pescadero Creek Road; enhancing an existing berm at two locations in Butano Marsh along the reconnected Butano Creek; improving the existing marsh control structure; and beneficially reusing sediment removed from Butano Creek to improve water quality conditions and reduce the severity of fish kills.

The primary objectives of the Project are to:

- 1) Restore access to 10.1 miles of Butano Creek for threatened steelhead trout and endangered coho salmon by reestablishing unimpeded fish passage for a decade or more.
- 2) Reduce the extent, duration and frequency of flooding at Pescadero Creek Road.
- 3) Improve salmonid survival by reducing the risk and/or severity of fish kills by:
  - o creating access to oxygen-rich freshwater refuge during times of low water quality; and
  - o reducing anoxic conditions by preventing percolation and movement of freshwater from Butano Creek through and across the marsh

10. The project site is not located on the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities.

**WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD: May 3, 2018 – June 1, 2018**

*Please send written comments to the attention of Kellyx Nelson at 625 Miramontes Street, Suite 103, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 or via e-mail to Naftali Moed at [Naftali@sanmateoRCD.org](mailto:Naftali@sanmateoRCD.org).*

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

All interested persons are encouraged to attend a public meeting to present written and/or verbal comments on the IS/MND. The public meeting will be held at the following location and time:

- Pescadero, CA: May 17, 2018 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the La Honda Pescadero Unified School District, 360 Butano Cut-Off, Pescadero, CA 94060.

**PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION:**

The San Mateo Resource Conservation District has determined that the project analyzed in the attached initial study checklist would not have a significant effect on the environment and the San Mateo Resource Conservation District intends to adopt a mitigated negative declaration. An electronic copy of the proposed mitigated negative declaration is available for review online at <http://www.sanmateorcd.org/butano-reconnect-ceqa/>

5/1/2018

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DATE OF THIS NOTICE



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BY: Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director