



### RESOLUTION 2018-3

**San Mateo Resource Conservation District as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) regarding the Butano Creek Channel Reconnection and Resilience Project Approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo Resource Conservation District is a Special District organized under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code with an original petition granted on July 1, 1939;

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo Resource Conservation District is defined in Section 3501 of the Government Code as a public agency;

**WHEREAS**, the Butano Creek Channel Reconnection and Resilience Project (Proposed Project) is intended to provide multiple benefits of improving fish passage, water quality, and flooding issues affecting Butano Creek and the Pescadero community in unincorporated San Mateo County. The primary purpose of the Proposed Project is to restore and enhance the effective hydrologic connectivity of Butano Creek through Butano Marsh to Pescadero Lagoon and to re-establish fish passage for federally threatened Central California Coast Coho Salmon and federally threatened Central California Coast Steelhead. The Proposed Project would involve excavating sediment from an approximately 7,400-foot-long section of Butano Creek. Excavation would extend from just upstream of the Pescadero Creek Road bridge to approximately 300 feet downstream of the confluence with Butano Channel. Other Project elements include: augmenting an existing berm at two locations in Butano Marsh along the reconnected Butano Creek; improving the existing marsh control structure near the confluence with Butano Channel; and beneficially reusing sediment removed from Butano Creek throughout Butano Marsh;

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo Resource Conservation District prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to provide a transparent and comprehensive evaluation of the Proposed Project. San Mateo Resource Conservation District has prepared this resolution to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.). San Mateo Resource Conservation District is a “lead agency” under CEQA;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, a mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP), has been prepared by San Mateo Resource Conservation District for the Proposed Project (Exhibit A). (See Pub. Resources Code, § 21081.6, subd. (a)(1); CEQA Guidelines, § 15097.) San Mateo Resource Conservation District will use the MMRP to track compliance with best management practices and mitigation measures imposed by San Mateo Resource Conservation District and the MMRP will remain available for public review during the compliance period;

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo Resource Conservation District's Board of Directors (Board) hereby finds and declares that they have reviewed and considered the MND together with the comments received during the public review process in evaluating the Proposed Project, that the MND is an accurate and objective statement that fully complies with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, and that the MND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of San Mateo Resource Conservation District. The Board further finds and declares that considering the record as whole, there is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment, that no new significant impacts as defined by State CEQA Guidelines section 15073.5 have been identified after circulation of the MND, and that recirculation of the MND is therefore not required. On behalf of San Mateo Resource Conservation District, the Board approves the MND;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081.6, the Board, on behalf of San Mateo Resource Conservation District, hereby adopts the MMRP attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Mateo Resource Conservation District Board of Directors hereby:

1. The Board finds that the approval and implementation of the Proposed Project is necessary to restore access to Butano Creek for threatened steelhead trout and endangered coho salmon; to reduce the extent, duration and frequency of flooding at Pescadero Creek Road; and to improve salmonid survival by reducing the risk and/or severity of fish kills by creating access to oxygen-rich freshwater refuge during times of low water quality and reducing anoxic conditions by preventing percolation and movement of freshwater from Butano Creek through and across the marsh. Based on the entire record before San Mateo Resource Conservation District, including all written and oral evidence presented to San Mateo Resource Conservation District, the Board hereby approves the Butano Creek Channel Reconnection and Resilience Project, with all the best management practices and mitigation measures in the MMRP as set forth in this document.
2. The Board is the custodian of the records of the proceedings on which this decision is based. Records are located at the San Mateo Resource Conservation District offices located at 625 Miramontes Street, Suite 103, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.
3. The Board directs San Mateo Resource Conservation District staff to prepare and file a Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research as soon as practicable and no later than five (5) working days after the date of Proposed Project approval as set forth immediately below.

**ADOPTED** at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Mateo Resource Conservation District on June 27, 2018.

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TJ Glauthier, President

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Date