

BENEFICIAL REUSE OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL IN TIDAL MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT



NOTICE OF PREPARATION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), in cooperation with the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), are proposing the Beneficial Reuse of Excavated Material in Tidal Marsh Restoration (Beneficial Reuse Project) in South San Francisco Bay. The USFWS is the Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act and VTA is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act. The USFWS is issuing a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and VTA is issuing a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project.

The public scoping period for the joint EIS/EIR will begin on January 19 and end February 20, 2024. During this period, the public is encouraged to provide input on the scope of the Project by attending either an in-person or virtual meeting or providing comments at beneficial.reuse@vta.org.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Beneficial Reuse Project would place up to approximately 3.5 million cubic yards of excavated material (soils) into several former salt production ponds around South San Francisco Bay to raise the pond bottoms for the purpose of accelerating the timeline for tidal marsh habitat restoration. Much of the material will come primarily from tunneling operations for VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project.

Direct benefits of the Project include beneficial reuse of construction waste and a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by diverting "waste" that would otherwise be taken to landfills much farther away. **Indirect benefits** will result from the future restoration of tidal marsh habitat once the former salt production pond bottoms are raised. Re-establishing marshes will also provide sea-level rise resilience, water quality improvements, flood risk management, and habitat creation for threatened and endangered species.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Please join us to learn more and provide valuable input into the scope of the Project. Participants will have the opportunity to review displays, watch a brief presentation, and speak with project team members. VTA is facilitating both virtual and in-person opportunities to engage and learn about the project. Comments may be submitted at the meetings or by email at beneficial.reuse@vta.org.

Virtual community meeting:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024
6:00 PM via Zoom

In-person community open house:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024
5:30 TO 7:00 PM

ALVISO BRANCH LIBRARY
5050 N. First Street,
San Jose, CA 95002

For additional information and to register for the meetings, please visit:

vta.org/projects/vtas-beneficial-reuse-project

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