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Santa Clara Valley Water District

December 3, 2014

By E-Mail: Lisa.D.Kiefel@usace.army.mil

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attention: CECW–CE (Lisa Kiefel)
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314–1000

Subject: Submittal for South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study in Conformance With Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014

Dear Ms. Kiefel:

The attached proposal from the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) and the California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study is submitted in conformance with the requirements of Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 as specified in the Federal Register Article 2014-18495, published August 5, 2014.

The District is the primary water resources management agency for Santa Clara County in California. Its duties include: providing flood protection and environmental stewardship for the county's more than 800 miles of creeks and streams; and ensuring a clean, healthy, and reliable water supply for the approximately two million residents of Santa Clara County.

The Conservancy, established in 1976, is a state agency that uses entrepreneurial techniques to purchase, protect, restore and enhance coastal resources, and to provide access to the shore. The Conservancy works in partnership with local governments, other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to achieve their goals.

In addition to the attached proposal, by this letter, the District and the Conservancy are expressing their continuing support for this study as the co-local sponsors, a role the District and the Conservancy have had since the study was re-started by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by Congressional Resolution in 2002.

If you have any further questions on this proposal, or need any further information, please call Ms. Norma Camacho at (408) 630-2084, or by e-mail at NCamacho@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

Norma Camacho
Chief Operating Officer
Watersheds

Amy Hutzel
Program Manager
San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program
State Coastal Conservancy

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The information below is submitted by the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) and the California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) in compliance with the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 Section 7001, and as noted in the Federal Register on August 5, 2014, Document Number FR 2014-18495.

Title – South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study Feasibility Study Change Request

1. Provide the name of all non-Federal interests planning to act as the sponsor, including any non-Federal interest that has contributed or is expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.

   Santa Clara Valley Water District (current local co-sponsor)
   5750 Almaden Expressway
   San Jose, CA 95118

   California State Coastal Conservancy (current local co-sponsor)
   1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
   Oakland, CA 94612-2530

2. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE project or feasibility study and, if a modification, specify the authorized project or study.

   This proposal is for an advancement of an authorized Feasibility Study.

   The South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study is being conducted in response to authorizations contained in multiple Congressional actions, including the Water Resources Development Act of 1976 (WRDA), a resolution adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in 2002, and further guidance adopted through WRDA 2007 (Section 4027):

   For information, shown below is Section 4027 from the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Public Law 110-114:

   SEC. 4027. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE, CALIFORNIA.

   (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in cooperation with non-Federal interests, shall conduct a study of the feasibility of carrying out a project for—

   (1) flood damage reduction along the South San Francisco Bay shoreline, California;
   (2) restoration of the South San Francisco Bay salt ponds (including on land owned by other Federal agencies); and
   (3) other related purposes, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

   (b) REPORT.—

   (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the results of the study under subsection

(a).
(2) INCLUSIONS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall include recommendations of the Secretary with respect to the project described in subsection (a) based on planning, design, and land acquisition documents prepared by—
(A) the California State Coastal Conservancy;
(B) the Santa Clara Valley Water District; and
(C) other local interests.
(c) CREDIT.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section 221 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 1962d–5b), and subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall credit toward the non-Federal share of the cost of any project authorized by law as a result of the South San Francisco Bay shoreline study—
(A) the cost of work performed by the non-Federal interest in preparation of the feasibility study that is conducted before the date of the feasibility cost sharing agreement; and
(B) the funds expended by the non-Federal interest for acquisition costs of land that constitutes a part of such a project and that is owned by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
(2) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may provide credit under paragraph (1) if—
(A) the value of all or any portion of land referred to in paragraph (1)(B) that would be subject to the credit has not previously been credited to the non-Federal interest or a project; and
(B) the land was not acquired to meet any mitigation requirement of the non-Federal interest.

3. State the project purpose of the proposed study or modification.

The project purpose is to advance the Feasibility Study for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study currently underway for authorization of a Chief's Report. The Chief's Report is currently scheduled for completion in December 2015.

4. Provide an estimate, to the extent practicable, of the total cost of the proposed study or modification.

To date the total study cost is $20,367,966 (Federal and Non-Federal).

It is estimated that the study cost will increase an additional $1 million (Federal and Non-Federal) to fund the study to completion of the Chief's Report, estimated to be completed by December 2015.

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5. Describe, to the extent practicable, the anticipated monetary and nonmonetary benefits of the proposal including benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.

   The South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study will restore up to 25 square miles of habitat, provide protection from tidal flooding to urban areas adjacent to the South San Francisco Bay, and provide public access and recreation.

6. Describe if local support exists for the proposal.

   Local support is provided by the District and the Conservancy.

7. State if the non-Federal interest has the financial ability to provide for the required cost share.

   Both the District and Conservancy have already been contributing cash and in-kind work during the current Feasibility Study Phase. This support will continue. In 2012, the Safe, Clean Water Parcel Tax was passed by the voters of Santa Clara County, which will provide to the District an estimated $20 million for the study. Fifteen ($15 million) will be put towards the design and construction of the current feasibility study area and $5 million will be put towards planning efforts on the remaining areas of concern on the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline.

8. Submit a letter or statement of support from each associated non-Federal interest.

   As stated in the cover letter to this submittal, the District and the Conservancy are the co-local sponsors of the study and plan to continue in those roles through this and future phases of the study. In addition, both the District and the Conservancy have contributed funding and in-kind services to the study further demonstrating their support.