## Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration CEQA PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: April 26, 2019 to May 26, 2019

To: Public Agencies, Organizations and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District PO Box 9000, Presidio Station, San Francisco, CA 94129-0601

Subject: Golden Gate Bridge Corte Madera 4-Acre Tidal Marsh Restoration Project

Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

Notice is hereby given that the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District), acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is releasing for review and comment to all agencies, organizations and interested persons, a Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Corte Madera Four-Acre Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (Project).

**Public Review Period:** The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day review period, pursuant to Section 15105. Persons responding are urged to submit their comments in writing. Comments should be mailed or delivered to the District, at the address listed below, by no later than **4:30 p.m. on May 26, 2019**. Submittal of written comments via e-mail is also acceptable.

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**Project Location:** The Project Site is located in the North Bay region of the San Francisco Bay area, within the Town of Corte Madera and the County of Marin, at Assessor's Parcel Number 023-070-13, on a 72-acre parcel owned by the District adjacent to the Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve.

**Project Description:** The District proposes to construct a 4-acre tidal marsh on a portion of the District's 72-acre property. The Project is being proposed to fulfill the District's restoration obligations from a 1988 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit associated with maintenance of the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. The Project includes excavation and grading of approximately 12.16 acres of land to construct approximately 4 acres of land to elevations suitable for tidal inundation. The Project also includes relocating portions of the existing western and northern berms to the east and south sides of the new marsh, breaching the northern berm adjacent to the drainage channel, and restoring native marsh vegetation.

**Public Meeting Dates:** A public meeting to provide information on the IS/MND will be held at 6:00 PM on **May 15**<sup>th</sup>, **2019** at the Corte Madera Council Chambers (300 Tamalpais Drive Corte Madera, CA 94925). A public hearing date for the District's Board of Directors to review the Project has been tentatively scheduled for **June 21**<sup>st</sup>, **2019**.

**CEQA Project Status:** A Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration have been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The Draft Initial Study prepared for this Project demonstrates that the Project will not have any significant or unmitigatable effects on the environment. As a result of the adoption of this document and the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, the Project will not have any significant or unmitigatable effects on the environment.

The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and all related analysis are available to the General Public at the District Secretary's Office, located at the Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, 94129, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the Town of Corte Madera Planning Department, 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, CA, 94925 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on the Districts' website at <a href="http://goldengate.org/cmer">http://goldengate.org/cmer</a>.