**REGULATORY PROGRAM**

**PERMIT ACTION**

**SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT**

**PERMIT ISSUED FY16**

APPLICANT: San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

CORPS FILE NUMBER: SPN-2013-00030

AREA: San Francisquito Creek, San Mateo County and Palo Alto Counties, California

DESCRIPTION: The San Francisquito Creek Project is located along a 1.5-mile stretch of San Francisquito Creek from U.S. Highway 101 downstream to San Francisco Bay. The project is designed to reduce flooding risks and increase ecosystem functionality by widening the floodplain of San Francisquito Creek and increasing channel conveyance and includes excavating sediment deposits within the channel to maximize conveyance, rebuilding levees, degrading levees, and relocating a portion of the southern levee to widen the channel for increased channel capacity and protection from extreme tides; constructing floodwalls in the upper reach to increase capacity and maintain consistency with Caltrans’ enlargement of the U.S. Highway 101 Bridge over San Francisquito Creek; and extending Friendship Bridge via a boardwalk across new marshland within the widened channel.

PRIMARY ISSUE: Prior to making a permit decision, the Corps must complete consultations pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; ensure compliance with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines; and receive Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency from the State. Due to the complexity of the project, the level of information needed from the applicant, and agency staffing and resource issues, project delays occurred.

STATUS: Biological Opinions were received from the Services on 30 December 2016 and 15 January 2016, and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office was completed on 14 January 2016. The conditional water quality certification was issued on 7 April 2015 and CZM approval from the Bay Development and Conservation Commission on 22 December 2016.

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