

CITY OF NEWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration CEQA PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: June 12, 2018 to July 12, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Newark Community Development Department is releasing a Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Cargill Plummer Slough Bridge Project for review and comment to all applicable agencies, organizations, and interested persons. This Notice of Intent to Adopt a Draft IS/MND for the project is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The review period begins **June 12, 2018** and ends on **July 12, 2018**. Written comments should be submitted via email to terrence.grindall@newark.org or delivered to the City of Newark Community Development Department at 37101 Newark Blvd., Newark, CA 94560 **by no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 12, 2018**. Reviewers should focus on the content and accuracy of the Draft IS/MND in discussing potential impacts upon the environment.

Project Location: The project site is located along a portion of tidal Plummer Slough, within Cargill, Incorporated's (Cargill) solar salt production facility in the City of Newark, California. The project site is located along the eastern margin of the South San Francisco Bay, just inside the southwestern city limits (APNs 537-551-17, 537-551-33-2). The project location is approximately two miles upstream from South San Francisco Bay.

Project Description: Cargill operates a solar salt production facility located at 7220 Central Avenue in Newark, California. A main access road, used for Cargill operations 24 hours a day, is located immediately adjacent to a new residential development that is currently under construction. The purpose of the project is to provide an alternative and direct access route across Cargill's facility for truck traffic that will streamline operations. In addition, although the residential development was proposed and approved notwithstanding Cargill's neighboring industrial operations, the alternate route will also redirect some traffic away from the new development and improve public safety and health.

The proposed project includes the installation of a 24-foot-wide by 60-foot-long concrete bridge across Plummer Slough. The bridge would consist of six concrete panels and it would be supported by five, 15-inch pilings on each side of the slough. The project includes limited levee roadway improvements on the existing access roads on either side of the proposed bridge, including filling a portion of the brine channel northwest of the bridge. A culvert would be also placed under the roadway within the channel.

CEQA Project Status: A Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration have been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The Draft Initial Study demonstrates that the proposed project will not have any significant effects on the environment, as long as mitigation measures are implemented as they are outlined for Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Geology and Soils. As a result of the adoption of this document and the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, the proposed project will not have any significant or unmitigatable effects on the environment.

Physical copies of the IS/MND and all related analyses are available for review at the City of Newark Community Development Department, 37101 Newark Blvd., Newark, CA 94560 and the Newark Library, 6300 Civic Terrace Ave., Newark, CA 94560. The document can also be viewed on the Community Development Department website: <http://www.ci.newark.ca.us/departments/planning-and-economic-development/projects-under-review/>.

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