



July 28, 2021

Through City Administrator Carmen Chu

Honorable Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 244
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Permit to Enter and Use Property – Log Cabin Ranch –
San Mateo Resource Conservation District

Dear Board Members:

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution approving and authorizing a permit to enter and use a portion of the Log Cabin Ranch in La Honda, San Mateo County, California, for the Mindego Creek Fish Passage Project by the San Mateo Resource Conservation District.

Background

The Mindego Creek Fish Passage Project, located on Mindego Creek south of La Honda, is a restoration project which will improve habitat and restore access to 5 miles of range for federally threatened steelhead trout and federally endangered coho salmon in the San Gregorio Watershed in San Mateo County.

The San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) has already removed the downstream barrier on Alpine Creek at Pescadero Road. Now RCD would like to remove the existing Denil fish ladder and other water diversion infrastructure (prone to clogging and thus rendering the creek unpassable to fish) currently in place on the City and County of San Francisco's Log Cabin Ranch property and relocate a diversion intake to an instream pool to protect against fish entrapment and provide resting habitat. The objectives of the underlying project include: restoring fish passage; improve stream habitat and maintain a functional water diversion that will not entrap fish.

The San Mateo Resource Conservation District is requesting, and the Real Estate Division (RED) is recommending and proposing, a Permit to Enter and Use a portion of the Log Cabin Ranch via a dirt access driveway off of Alpine Road for a period of 25 years in four Phases as follows:

Phase I – As necessary for the Mindego Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project located at and adjacent to the Mindego Creek consisting of: (a) pre-project and permit approval preparation, including site visits, surveys, photography, measurements, etc.; and (b) Restoration and repair of a fish passage barrier, removal of a Denil fish ladder, removal of water diversion infrastructure, and reconstruction of approximately 310 linear feet of channel;

Phase II – Commencing at completion of Phase I work, lasting one year, as necessary for monitoring and maintenance, if necessary, of the Project at the Creek;

Phase III – Commencing at completion of Phase II, lasting four years, four visits per year for monitoring and maintenance, if necessary, of the Project at the Creek; and

Phase IV – Commencing at completion of Phase III, lasting 20 years, one visit a year for monitoring and maintenance, if necessary, of the Project at the Creek.

Terms

The proposed Permit is for a 25-year term as set forth above.

The permit area at issue is approximately 14,375 square feet, including 3,060 linear feet, and use of the dirt access road.

The Director of Property has determined that the Restoration Work will provide a public benefit by helping to protect federally threatened steelhead trout and federally endangered coho salmon, and these public benefits and the cost of the Restoration Work exceed the fair market rental value of the Project Area under the Permit (the fair market rental value would be lower than the Administrative Code threshold amount in Chapter 23 requiring an appraisal. Accordingly, RED proposes to not charge a permit fee. RCD will be paying any and all costs, insurance, staffing and supplies necessary for the Project to completion (via grants).

The Real Estate Division recommends approval of the proposed Resolution. If you have any questions regarding the Permit, please contact Claudia J. Gorham of Real Estate at 415.554.9871 or Claudia.gorham@sfgov.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrico Q. Penick", is written over a horizontal line.

Andrico Q. Penick
Director of Property