



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Who:** County of San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- What:** A Negative Declaration (ND) has been prepared and issued for the County of San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Lopez Water Project Contract Changes. The District is proposing to restate and amend the existing water supply contracts for the Lopez Water Project to allow the Contractors to store their unused annual water entitlement in Lopez Reservoir for future use. The purpose of the proposed change is to provide the Contractors greater flexibility to better manage their water supply portfolios, which may also include groundwater and allocations from the State Water Project. The project is expected to improve water supply resiliency for the region.
- Where:** Copies of the proposed ND and all the associated documents referenced in the ND are available for review at the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works, 976 Osos Street, County Government Center Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408. The ND is also accessible on the Public Works website at <https://slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Lopez-Water-Project-MND>.
- Comments:** The 30-day review and comment period for the proposed ND begins on January 28, 2022, and ends on February 28, 2022. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period and should be addressed to: Monica Stillman, Environmental Specialist, mjstillman@co.slo.ca.us, County Government Center, Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.
- Public Hearing:** The County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Negative Declaration. The hearing is anticipated to be held in Spring, 2022. Interested persons can access the Board of Supervisor's agenda at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSagenda.htm> to locate the date of the public hearing for this project.