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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the following project has been reviewed by the County Environmental Coordinator to determine if it has a potential to create significant impacts to the environment and, if so, how such impacts could be solved. A Negative Declaration is prepared in cases where the project is determined not to have any significant environmental impacts. Either a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared for projects that may result in a significant impact to the environment.

Public review periods are provided for these Environmental Determinations according to the requirements of the County Environmental Review Guidelines. The environmental document is available for review at the County Planning Department located at 701 Ocean Street, in Santa Cruz. You may also view the environmental document on the web at www.sccoplanning.com under the Planning Department menu. If you have questions or comments about this Notice of Intent, please contact Matt Johnston of the Environmental Review staff at (831) 454-5357.

The County of Santa Cruz does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs or activities. If you require special assistance in order to review this information, please contact Bernice Shawver at (831) 454-3137 to make arrangements.

PROJECT: Lee Road Trail Project

APP #: 201188

APN: 018-281-63; 018-391-02; 018-392-01; 052-082-02; 052-091-41; 052-221-17; County and City Road ROW

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Watsonville is proposing the Lee Road Trail Project. The 1.43-mile long trail would generally be a 12-foot wide pedestrian/bicycle trail along the east side of Lee Road, with a 12-foot wide pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the portion of Lee Road extending through (and submerged by) Struve Slough. Additionally, portions of the trail would extend along Harkins Slough Road on the north end to the high school, along the west side of Lee Road south of Struve Slough, and along the unpaved path located on the north side of Watsonville Slough to existing trails on the east side of Highway 1.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located along Lee Road, which extends through the City of Watsonville and unincorporated Santa Cruz County on the west side of Highway 1. Santa Cruz County is bounded on the north by San Mateo County, on the south by Monterey and San Benito Counties, on the east by Santa Clara County, and on the south and west by the Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

APPLICANT/OWNER: City of Watsonville

PROJECT PLANNER: Randall Adams, (831) 454-3218

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ACTION: Mitigated Negative Declaration

REVIEW PERIOD: December 24, 2020 through January 22, 2021

This project will be considered at a public hearing before the Zoning Administrator. The time, date and location have not been set. When scheduling does occur, these items will be included in all public hearing notices for the project.