

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

**Notice of Intent to
Issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

The Administrator of Environmental Quality of the City of Santa Cruz is preparing to issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration of environmental impact for the following proposed project:

Case No.: CP20-0088
Project Location: Neary Lagoon
Project Applicant: Suzanne Healy, Department of Public Works

Project Description:

The proposed project is to conduct annual marsh vegetation removal and sediment dredging in Neary Lagoon to reduce sedimentation and increase lagoon depths in order to: 1) improve water circulation and flow rates; 2) improve water quality; 3) reduce the proliferation of vegetative (tule) growth; 4) improve habitat; 5) provide access for the tule removal equipment and to prevent the lagoon from “filling” up. Vegetation removal will be done to achieve a 1:1 ratio of open water to marsh with locations and extent of work to vary annually, based on vegetation conditions and growth rates. Depending upon the accumulation of sediment over the winter months and resulting lagoon depths, up to 2,000 cubic yards of sediment may be removed each year that dredging is conducted. Dredging may be conducted annually if necessary for a period of five years which is the duration of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and all other applicable permits.

Significant Effects on the Environment: Biological Resources

The Administrator of Environmental Quality of the City of Santa Cruz has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project, with mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration document may be reviewed or obtained at:

City of Santa Cruz
Department of Public Works
809 Center Street, Room 201
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be in writing to Suzanne Healy at the Public Works Department address listed above or at shealy@cityofsantacruz.com from February 8, 2021 to March 10, 2021. The City of Santa Cruz Zoning Administrator is tentatively scheduled to consider the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration at a public hearing tentatively scheduled on March 17, 2021.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Suzanne Healy at (831) 420-5131.