

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
For the Moss Landing Wildlife Area Bank Enhancement Project
Public Review Period: 45 days**

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project. The project proponent is the CDFW.

Description. The Moss Landing Wildlife Area Bank Enhancement Project (project) would replace an existing perimeter levee within the Moss Landing Wildlife Area (Wildlife Area) with a new setback levee to protect habitat for western snowy plover (*Charadrius nivosus nivosus*) from tidal inundation and sea level rise; recontour an approximate 850-linear-foot section of the bank along Elkhorn Slough that is actively eroding; plant eelgrass in aquatic habitat south of the recontoured bank; improve public access and amenities; and implement managed salt pond and infrastructure maintenance and repair activities. The Wildlife Area is located adjacent to the Elkhorn Slough Estuary, which is situated 90 miles south of San Francisco and 20 miles north of Monterey on the Moss Landing U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle

Potential Impacts. The proposed project has the potential to result in adverse impacts on the following environmental factors: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, recreation and traffic. With implementation of the mitigation measures identified in this document, potential significant impacts would be avoided, minimized, reduced, or rectified to a level that is less than significant. The project would not result in a cumulatively considerable impact when considered in combination with similar projects in the region.

Environmental Review. CDFW has prepared an Initial Study and proposed draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project pursuant to CEQA. The document is available for review online at:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/notices>

Comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received *in writing* by the end of the review period, which is August 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Submit comments to:

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