



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING**

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

WHO: County of San Luis Obispo

WHAT: An Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the *Pacific Wildlife Care Minor Use Permit (DRC2021-00020; ED22-099)* is complete and available for public review and comment. The document addresses the environmental impacts that may be associated with activities related to the implementation of the project. The Environmental Coordinator, after completion of the Initial Study, finds that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is not necessary. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and CA Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) has been issued on July 22, 2022. Mitigation measures are proposed to address Air Quality, Biological Resources, and Transportation and will be included as conditions of approval.

PROJECT: The project is a request by Pacific Wildlife Care for a Minor Use Permit to allow for the construction of a new wildlife care facility consisting of an approximately 7,390-square-foot 2-story building, 1,304 square feet of exterior covered storage, and 34,183 square feet of exterior animal enclosures (kennels) on a 10.34-acre (gross) parcel (9.3-acre net). The project would be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 includes construction of the first floor of the animal care building (4,640 square feet), the exterior covered storage, and 9,898 square feet of exterior animal enclosures. Phase 2 would complete the second story of the animal care building (2,750 square feet), an additional 24,285 square feet of exterior animal enclosures, and a creance field, which is a flight area for rehabilitating raptors. There is no current timeline for implementing Phase 2. The maximum height of the animal care building would be 27.5 feet. Approximately 360,254 square feet (8.3 acres) of the site would be landscaped or remain as open space. The new facility would be constructed on the northwest corner of the Buckley Road and Esperanza Lane intersection with access via a direct access driveway on Buckley Road. The project would result in 7.2 acres of site disturbance including 6,800 cubic yards of cut and 6,500 cubic yards of fill. The proposed project is within the Agricultural land use category in unincorporated San Luis Obispo County and is located at the northwest corner of Buckley Road and Esperanza Lane, on the southern edge of the City of San Luis Obispo and approximately 0.5 miles west of the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport. The site is in the San Luis Obispo Sub Area North of the San Luis

Obispo Planning Area of unincorporated San Luis Obispo County.

WHERE: Copies of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and all the associated documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building, 976 Osos Street, County Government Center Room 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 and also on our website at <http://www.sloplanning.org>.

HOW TO COMMENT OR GET MORE INFORMATION:

Anyone interested in commenting on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration should email your comments or questions to brandi.cummings@swca.com or submit a written statement directed to Schani Siong of the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building at 976 Osos St., Rm 300, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408. The 30-day public review period for this Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration begins July 22, 2022 and ends August 22, 2022. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period. The County of San Luis Obispo will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The hearing is not currently scheduled.

If you need more information about this project, please contact Brandi Cummings, contract planner, at (805) 786-2550 or brandi.cummings@swca.com.

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