



CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION For San Luis Obispo Creek Bank Repair Project (City File EID-0481-2022)

The City of San Luis Obispo has completed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed San Luis Obispo Creek Bank Repair Project. The IS/MND found the following environmental factors to be less than significant with mitigation incorporated: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources.

Mitigation measures required to reduce each of these impacts to a less-than-significant level include: nighttime work requirements; fugitive dust reduction; equipment idling restrictions; naturally-occurring asbestos evaluation; minimization of asbestos-related impacts; worker environmental awareness program (biological resources); project delineation, staging areas, materials storage, and waste management; best management practices (BMPs) to protect water quality; invasive species management; pre-construction surveys for special-status plant species; avoidance and minimization measures for Pacific lamprey; steelhead capture and relocation; avoidance and minimization measures for California red-legged frog; avoidance and minimization measures for other special-status amphibians and reptiles; pre-construction survey for special-status birds and other nesting birds; onsite biological monitoring; habitat mitigation and monitoring program; worker environmental awareness program (cultural resources); BMPs for unanticipated discovery of cultural resources; BMPs for discovery of human remains; implementation of geotechnical design features; noise-reducing BMPs; City approval and personnel briefing; and archaeological monitoring. The specific mitigation requirements and monitoring requirements are described in detail in the Draft IS/MND.

The project is located at the intersection of Johnson Avenue and Pismo Street (APNs 002-341-007 and 002-341-016). The project site is not included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The City of San Luis Obispo proposes to repair drainage control infrastructure along the banks of an approximately 180-linear foot stretch of San Luis Obispo Creek. The Project would include removal of the deteriorated concrete footing and construction of a new concrete footing and soil nail wall over the top of the deteriorating concrete slab bank protection; vegetation thinning and sediment removal as necessary; excavation on the westerly side of the creek to remove sediment buildup and expand creek capacity and resiliency; addition concrete weirs to encourage ponding and enhance fish habitat; and revegetation with native riparian trees and shrubs.

Reference copies of the IS/MND are available on the City's website at <https://www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/community-development/documents-online/environmental-review-documents>.

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact Wyatt Banker-Hix at wbanker@slocity.org or (805) 783-7859 to arrange for an alternative means to view the study. The required **30-day** public review period for the IS/MND will extend from November 28, 2022 to December 28, 2022. Anyone interested in commenting on the document should submit a written statement to the City of San Luis Obispo, Public Works Department, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, Attention: Wyatt Banker-Hix, Engineer III, or by email at wbanker@slocity.org, by 5:00 p.m., by December 28, 2022.

The item is tentatively scheduled with the City of San Luis Obispo City Council on February 7, 2023 to consider approval of the project and adoption of the IS/MND. Interested persons can access the City Council agenda at <https://www.slocity.org/government/mayor-and-city-council/agendas-and-minutes> to locate the agenda of the public hearing for this project.