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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THIS MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS NOTICED FOR A 30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD STARTING SEPTEMBER 11, 2023. IT IS NOW BEING RE-ISSUED TO EXTEND PUBLIC REVIEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL 29 DAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monterey County Housing & Community Development has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, for a Master Permit (Resource Conservation District of Monterey County, File Number PLN220358-DEP) County-wide (see description below). The project does not involve the burning of municipal wastes, hazardous waste, or refuse-derived fuel or is on a list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as referenced documents, are available for review at Monterey County Housing & Community Development – Planning, 1441 Schilling Pl South 2nd Floor, Salinas, and the County of Monterey Free Libraries Prunedale Branch at 17822 Moro Road in Royal Oaks, Castroville Branch – Andy Ausinio Library at 11160 Speegle Street in Castroville and Greenfield Branch at 315 El Camino Real in Greenfield; and Harrison Memorial Library at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Street in Carmel-by-the-Sea. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are also available for review in an electronic format by following the instructions at the following link: <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/housing-community-development/planning-services/current-planning/general-info/recent-environmental-documents>.

The Board of Supervisors will consider this proposal at a meeting tentatively scheduled on December 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 168 West Alisal, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California and via Zoom. Written comments on this Mitigated Negative Declaration will be accepted from **September 11, 2023 to November 9, 2023**. Comments can also be made during the public hearing.

Project Description: Master Permit for an Environmental Enhancement Streamlining Program to allow environmental enhancement projects, coordinated by Resource Conservation District of Monterey County (RCD), allowing the implementation of small, environmentally beneficial projects, such as stream bank protection, gully stabilization, culvert repair/replacement, erosion control structures, exotic vegetation removal, fire breaks for restoration-focused prescribed burns, and fish stream habitat improvement projects on private parcels throughout the unincorporated area (except within the “original jurisdiction” of the California Coastal Commission – i.e., primarily areas below the mean high tide line). The Programmatic Permit constitutes County approval for the conduct of 13 specific types of conservation practices. Eligible projects are subject to limiting criteria and shall be carried out under the auspices and oversight of the RCD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The streamlined permitting program will incorporate all the standard permits and permissions normally required for these activities for a five-year term and County will have the ability to extend the program upon Board of Supervisors approval.

We welcome your comments during the **extended 59-day** public review period. You may submit your comments in hard copy to the name and address above. The Agency also accepts comments via e-mail or facsimile but requests that you follow these instructions to ensure that the Agency has received your comments. To submit your comments by e-mail, please send a complete document including all attachments to:

CEQAcomments@co.monterey.ca.us

An e-mailed document should contain the name of the person or entity submitting the comments and contact information such as phone number, mailing address and/or e-mail address and include any and all attachments referenced in the e-mail. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please send a second e-mail requesting confirmation of receipt of comments with enough information to confirm that the entire document was received. If you do not receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of comments, then please submit a hard copy of your comments to ensure inclusion in the environmental record or contact the Agency to ensure the Agency has received your comments.

Facsimile (fax) copies will be accepted with a cover page describing the extent (e.g. number of pages) being transmitted. A faxed document must contain a signature and all attachments referenced therein. Faxed document should be sent to the contact noted above at **(831) 757-9516**. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please contact the Agency to confirm that the entire document was received.

For reviewing agencies: Housing & Community Development requests that you review the enclosed materials and provide any appropriate comments related to your agency's area of responsibility. The space below may be used to indicate that your agency has no comments or to state brief comments. In compliance with Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines, please provide a draft mitigation monitoring or reporting program for mitigation measures proposed by your agency. This program should include specific performance objectives for mitigation measures identified (CEQA Section 21081.6(c)). Also inform this Agency if a fee needs to be collected in order to fund the mitigation monitoring or reporting by your agency and how that language should be incorporated into the mitigation measure.

All written comments on the Initial Study should be addressed to:

County of Monterey
Housing & Community Development
Attn: Mary Israel
1441 Schilling Pl South 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Master Permit (Resource Conservation District of Monterey County; File Number PLN220358-DEP

From: Agency Name: _____
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- No Comments provided
- Comments noted below
- Comments provided in separate letter

COMMENTS: _____

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46. Paul Robins, Executive Director, Resource Conservation District of Monterey County
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