



County of Monterey
Public Works, Facilities, and Parks
1441 Schilling Place, Second Floor
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

County of Monterey (County) has completed the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Palo Colorado Road Storm Damage Repair Project. The Draft IS/MND found the following environmental factors to be less than significant with mitigation incorporated: Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources.

APPLICANT: County of Monterey

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site consists of 63 discontinuous potential work areas along an approximately 4.8-mile segment of Palo Colorado Road within the Coastal Zone of unincorporated Monterey County, California. The proposed work areas are located between Mile Post (MP) 2.77 near Highway 1 and MP 7.57 near the Bottcher's Gap parking lot.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes various repairs, including replacement of damaged asphalt, installation of steel guardrails, replacement of existing retaining walls with either steel soldier pile or soil nail retaining walls, replacement or improvements to existing culverts, and temporary relocation of utility lines, at 63 discontinuous potential work areas along an approximately 4.8-mile segment of Palo Colorado Road. The project also includes the construction of temporary construction storage areas to serve the proposed work areas. The 63 potential work areas are comprised of 13 storm damage retaining wall sites, 44 drainage improvement sites, and 20 construction storage areas.

HAZARDOUS WASTE/SUBSTANCES: The project site is not included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Comments on the Draft IS/MND may be received via email between October 9, 2023 and November 7, 2023. Comments should be sent to: jacqueline.markley@swca.com. A public meeting to discuss the project will be held on October 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade located at 38000 Palo Colorado Road, Carmel, California 93923.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft IS/MND is available for public review during regular business hours at the County of Monterey Public Works, Facilities, and Parks office at 1441 Schilling Place, Second Floor Salinas, CA 93901, and online at:
<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/public-works-facilities-parks/public-works/current-major-projects/palo-colorado-road-storm-damage-repair-project-project-no-621071>