

**Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration  
CEQA PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD March 13, 2024, to April 12, 2024**

**To:** Public Agencies, Organizations, and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Mendocino County Department of Transportation  
340 Lake Mendocino Drive  
Ukiah, CA 95482

**Subject:** Mendocino County Stormwater Trash Capture Devices Project, Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Notice is hereby given that the Mendocino County Department of Transportation (County), acting as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is releasing for review and comment to all agencies, organizations, and interested persons, a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Mendocino County Stormwater Trash Capture Devices Project (project).

**Public Review Period:** The Draft IS/MND will be circulated for a **30-day** review period will commence on **March 13, 2024**, and end on **April 12, 2024**, pursuant to Section 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines. Persons responding are urged to submit their comments in writing. Comments should be mailed or emailed to the County at the address below, by no later than **4:00 p.m. on April 12, 2024**.

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**Project Location:** The proposed project is located in unincorporated areas of Mendocino County, California, in the urbanized Ukiah area and surrounding communities. The project consists of 35 individual Ukiah Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) sites (project sites) located within existing catch basins in unincorporated Mendocino County, including in the communities of Calpella, The Forks, and Redwood Valley. Specifically, the project area extends from Plant Road at the border with the City of Ukiah at its southern extent (site location UK.33) to near the intersection of West Road and Ellen Lynn Street at the northern extent (site location UK.02).

**Project Description:** The project includes installation of both small-scale and large-scale trash capture devices and associated stormwater infrastructure at the proposed 35 project sites in Mendocino County. Small-scale devices would include structures such as connector pipe screens and hanging baskets installed at storm drain inlets. Large-scale devices would include structures such as hydrodynamic separators, netting devices, and baffle boxes. The devices would be installed in two phases: Phase 1 would occur at 30 sites planned for 2024, and Phase 2 would occur at five sites planned for 2025. Work at Phase 2 sites may result in alteration of a streambed or stream bank, may affect a jurisdictional water or wetland, or would require a more complex design. As such, most sites in Phase 2 would require regulatory permitting and approvals, whereas sites included in Phase 1 would not.

**Public Hearing Dates:** A public hearing for the County's Board of Supervisors to review the IS/MND and project has been scheduled for Tuesday, **May 21, 2024**, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California.

**CEQA Project Status:** A Draft IS/MND has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The Draft IS/MND prepared for this project demonstrates that the project will not have any significant or unmitigable effects on the environment.

The Draft IS/MND and all related analyses are available to the General Public at the County's office, located at 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. The Draft IS/MND is also available for the public to review on the County's website at:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/environmental-documents>.