



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of King has undertaken environmental review for the proposed King City Riverbed Wildfire Prevention Plan (project), and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The City of King invites all interested persons and agencies to comment on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

- Lead Agency:** City of King
- Project Location:** Areas of Salinas River and San Lorenzo Creek both within City of King and Unincorporated Monterey County as well as in California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (U.S. Highway 101) and Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way.
- Project Description:** The King City Riverbed Wildfire Prevention Plan (RWPP or plan) (proposed project) serves as a framework for a long-term fire resiliency and prioritizes hazard reduction projects along portions of the Salinas River and San Lorenzo Creek in or near the City of King, California. The plan achieves the two following goals: 1) provides guidance and strategies to increase the wildfire resilience of the community; and, 2) protects and enhances the wildlife habitat and ecological value of the project area. The plan was developed by Deer Creek Resources with input from City of King staff, collaborating agencies, and the community. The RWPP uses aerial photography and field surveys to map vegetation, analyze potential wildfire hazards within the project area, and prioritize wildfire hazard mitigation projects. The primary implementation measure recommended by the RWPP is the creation of a fuel break on the edge of the Salinas Riverbed to protect homes and businesses and prevent a wildland fire from becoming an urban conflagration. A fuel break will starve an expanding fire of fuels while providing firefighters operational safety and access. While the remaining project recommendations will increase the fire safety and aesthetics of the project area and King City, the fuel break will provide the most protection.
- Public Review Period:** Begins– Wednesday, July 31, 2024  
Ends – Friday, August 30, 2024
- Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is Available for Public Review at these Locations:** City of King website:  
<https://www.kingcity.com/528/Riverbed-Wildfire-Prevention-Plan>  
Hard copies are available at the City of King Community Development Department located at 212 S. Vanderhurst Avenue, King City, CA 93930



**Address Where Written** City of King Community Development Department  
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**Public Hearing(s):** A community meeting will be held to present the public review draft Riverbed Wildfire Prevention Plan and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. Additional details about the community meeting are below:

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: King City Fire Department, 422 Bassett Street, King City, CA 93930

Public hearing(s) to review and consider approval of the King City Riverbed Wildfire Prevention Plan and adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be held at a future date (TBD).