



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

- WHO:** County of San Luis Obispo
- WHAT:** A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the **Monterey Pacific Inc. – Aquilon North Major Grading Permit (GRAD2024-00017 / ED24-187)** is complete and available for public review and comment. The document addresses the environmental impacts that may be associated with activities related to the implementation of the project. The Environmental Coordinator, after completion of the Initial Study, finds that there is substantial evidence that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is not necessary. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and CA Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) has been issued on **January 10, 2025**. Mitigation measures are proposed to address impacts associated with **Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning and Mandatory Findings of Significance, and Mandatory Findings of Significance** and will be included as conditions of approval.
- PROJECT:** The proposed project is a request by **Monterey Pacific, Inc.** (on behalf of Kylix Vineyards California, LP) for a Major Grading Permit to authorize the construction of an earthen agricultural reservoir to be used to store water for frost protection. The reservoir will have a maximum storage capacity of 4.05 million gallons (12.33 acre-feet) and will be about 24 feet deep which will require 10,900 cubic yards (cy) of cut and 9,200 cy of fill. The total area of disturbance is estimated to be 1.96 acres and will include the reservoir, a pump station situated on a 1,600 square foot (sf) concrete pad, installation of underground PVC water pipes, as well as an emergency overflow pipe terminating at a 100-sf rip-rap dissipater. The project site consists of 229.0 acres within the *Agriculture* land use category located at 1210 El Pomar Drive within the El Pomar-Estrella Sub Area of the North County Planning Area.
- WHERE:** Copies of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and all of the associated documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building, 976 Osos Street, County Government Center Room 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 and also on our website via the <https://sanluisobispopcountyca-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#/plan/f25bb935-6eb6-4100-94f6-eaba384cc708?tab=attachments> portal.
- HOW TO COMMENT OR GET MORE INFORMATION:**
Anyone interested in commenting on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration should email your comments or questions to **Mason Denning**, Project Manager, at mdenning@co.slo.ca.us or mail your written comments to the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building at 976 Osos St., Rm 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408. The 30-day public review period for this Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative

Declaration begins **January 10, 2025**, and ends **February 9, 2025**. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period to be considered. The County of San Luis Obispo will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

If you would like more information about this project, please contact Mason Denning, Project Manager, at mdenning@co.slo.ca.us or (805) 781-1298.

DATED: **January 10, 2025**