

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
**Notice of Intent to
Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

The Administrator of Environmental Quality of the City of Santa Cruz is preparing to issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following proposed project:

Project: San Lorenzo River Lagoon Interim Management Program

Project Location: San Lorenzo River mouth in city of Santa Cruz

Project Applicant: City of Santa Cruz

Project Description: The San Lorenzo River Lagoon Interim Management Program (IMP) focuses on prevention of unauthorized river lagoon breaching affecting listed aquatic species and control of water elevation of the lagoon at elevation 5.0 feet NGVD to prevent localized flooding to public and private properties and infrastructure. The IMP is designed as an adaptive management program for addressing activities related to fisheries habitat, flooding, and public access and safety where the river mouth empties at Santa Cruz Main Beach. The IMP includes two management activities to be implemented during the proposed three-year management period of 2015 through 2017 between May 1 and November 15. The two management activities include installation of: 1) a Temporary Outlet Channel that would be implemented in 2015 and 2016; and 2) a Head Driven Culvert that would be implemented in 2016 (if funding is secured) and in 2017. Implementation of Best Management Practices and monitoring actions will be conducted as part of the project.

Significant Effects on the Environment: Biological Resources

The Administrator of Environmental Quality of the City of Santa Cruz has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project, with mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration document may be reviewed on the City's website at www.cityofsantacruz.com or may be reviewed or obtained at:

City of Santa Cruz
Office of the City Manager
809 Center Street, Room 10
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be submitted in writing from April 2 through May 1, 2015 to Scott Collins at the address listed above or at SCollins@cityofsantacruz.com. Following the close of the public comment period, the City of Santa Cruz City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration on May 12, 2015.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Scott Collins at (831) 420-5107.