



# County of Santa Cruz

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the following project has been reviewed by the County Environmental Coordinator to determine if it has a potential to create significant impacts to the environment and, if so, how such impacts could be solved. A Negative Declaration is prepared in cases where the project is determined not to have any significant environmental impacts. Either a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared for projects that may result in a significant impact to the environment.

Public review periods are provided for these Environmental Determinations according to the requirements of the County Environmental Review Guidelines. The environmental document is available for review at the County Planning Department located at 701 Ocean Street, in Santa Cruz. You may also view the environmental document on the web at [www.sccoplanning.com](http://www.sccoplanning.com) under the Planning Department menu. If you have questions or comments about this Notice of Intent, please contact Matt Johnston of the Environmental Review staff at (831) 454-3201

The County of Santa Cruz does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs or activities. If you require special assistance in order to review this information, please contact Bernice Romero at (831) 454-3137 (TDD number (831) 454-2123 or (831) 763-8123) to make arrangements.

### **PROJECT: Graham Hill Road Bridge Storm Damage Repair Project**

**APP #: N/A**

**APN(S): 071-201-43 and Public Right-of-Way**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Santa Cruz County proposes to repair a wing wall on the Graham Hill Road Bridge (36C-0101) at the San Lorenzo River using funds from the federal ER Program. The proposed repairs are considered permanent restoration work under the federal Emergency Relief (ER) program. The project would also repair scour damage at a bridge pier using County funds.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed storm damage repairs are located on the north side of the Graham Hill Road Bridge located between Mt. Hermon Road to the east and Highway 9 on the west side of the San Lorenzo River. The project site is located within County right-of-way adjacent to assessor's parcel number (APN) 071-201-43 within the community of Felton in the unincorporated County of Santa Cruz.

**EXISTING ZONE DISTRICT: RA-GH**

**APPLICANT: County of Santa Cruz, Department of Public Works**

**OWNER: County of Santa Cruz**

**PROJECT PLANNER: Todd Sexauer**

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**ACTION: Negative Declaration with Mitigations**

**REVIEW PERIOD: February 10, 2014 through March 11, 2014**

**This project will be considered administratively by the Project Planner at the conclusion of the review period.**





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**Owner: County of Santa Cruz**

**Applicant: County of Santa Cruz, Department of Public Works**

**Staff Planner: Todd Sexauer, (831) 454-3511**

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#### California Environmental Quality Act Mitigated Negative Declaration Findings:

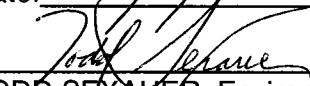
Find, that this Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis, and; that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Mitigated Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period; and, that revisions in the project plans or proposals made by or agreed to by the project applicant would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and, on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Mitigated Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project as revised will have a significant effect on the environment. The expected environmental impacts of the project are documented in the attached Initial Study on file with the County of Santa Cruz Clerk of the Board located at 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz, California.

Review Period Ends: March 11, 2014

*Note: This Document is considered Draft until it is Adopted by the Appropriate County of Santa Cruz Decision-Making Body*

Date:

2/5/14

  
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## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INITIAL STUDY

**Date:** February 3, 2014

**Application Number:** N/A

**Staff Planner:** Todd Sexauer

Graham Hill Road Bridge Storm Damage Repair Project

### I. OVERVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**APPLICANT:** County of Santa Cruz,  
Department of Public Works

**APN(s):**  
071-201-43 and Public Right-of Way

**OWNER:** County of Santa Cruz

**SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT:** 5

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#### SUMMARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** All of the following potential environmental impacts are evaluated in this Initial Study. Categories that are marked have been analyzed in greater detail based on project specific information.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Supply/Water Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation               |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Resources & Aesthetics            | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities & Service Systems        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources            | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

**DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL(S) BEING CONSIDERED:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Development Permit    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Grading Permit                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rezoning                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riparian Exception |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development Permit ( <i>Amendment</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> LAFCO Annexation              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Connection Permit                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                        |

**NON-LOCAL APPROVALS:**

Other agencies that must issue permits or authorizations: California Department of Fish and Wildlife; NOAA Fisheries; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Regional Water Quality Control Board

**DETERMINATION:** (To be completed by the lead agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

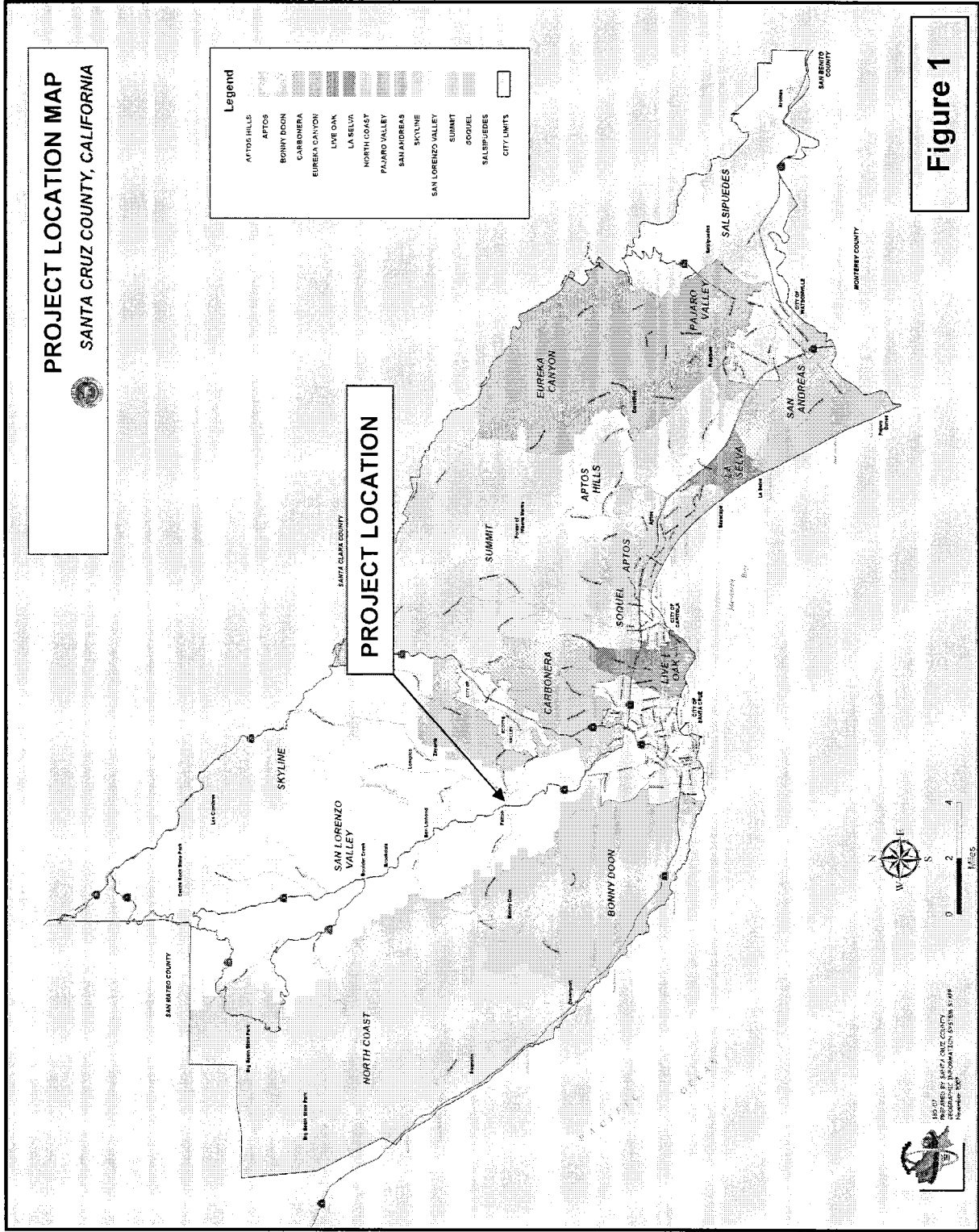
  
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