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California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
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Lead Agency:

County of San Luis Obispo
976 Osos Street, Rm. 206
San Luis Obispo, CA, 93408-2040

Subject: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021070094 adopted 8-24-2021

Project Title: South Bay Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project (Bridge No. 49C-0351) ED20-217; 300455

Project Applicant: County of San Luis Obispo, Department of Public Works

Project Location : South Bay Boulevard at Los Osos Creek, north of community of Los Osos (Estero Planning Area), San Luis Obispo County

Project Description: The San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works proposes to replace the South Bay Boulevard Bridge (Bridge No. 49C-0351), which spans Los Osos Creek (Project). South Bay Boulevard is one of the two main access routes in and out of Los Osos and the only direct connector between Los Osos and Morro Bay. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing bridge with a modern concrete bridge that meets current design and seismic standards to maintain safe, reliable service for the public. The project includes on-site pedestrian and bicycle enhancements, off-site public trail connections, and habitat restoration in compliance with the latest draft of the South Bay Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (February 2024 or final approved document), including for the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) candidate species, Morro manzanita (*Arctostaphylos morroensis*).

Candidate species are protected from take under CESA pursuant to California Fish and Game Code Section 2085. Fish and Game Code Section 2084 grants the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) the authority to adopt regulations to authorize take of candidate species, based on the best available scientific information, when the take is otherwise consistent with CESA.

As a responsible agency, the Commission proposed a regulation (adding Section 749.14 to Title 14, CCR) pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2084 to authorize during CESA candidacy the take of Morro manzanita for the Project.

This notice is to advise that the **California Fish and Game Commission** [☐ Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency] has adopted a regulation pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2084 for the Project on October 8, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the Project:

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An environmental impact report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the mitigated negative declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/forms-documents/environmental-determinations/south-bay-boulevard-bridge-mnd>, or from the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department, 976 Osos Street, Rm. 206, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93408-2040, or (805) 781-5252.

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