

Notice of Determination

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in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: North Coastal San Luis Obispo County Regional Ecological Strategy for Improving Landscapes Project

Project Location: Within the California Coastal Zone, from the northern San Luis Obispo County line to Toro Creek near Morro Bay

Project Description: The proposed project consists of vegetation treatments on up to 88,151 acres, and the proposed treatment types are ecological restoration and fuel break. The majority of treatments would be ecologically restorative treatments across 84,757 acres with fuel breaks across 3,394 acres. Implementation of treatments would be phased over several years; implementation timing would be based on the availability of funding and other resources. It is not expected that all acres in the project area would be treated; instead, treatments would be implemented in strategic locations across the project area. Initial treatments would focus on ecologically restorative treatments in Monterey pine stands and priority strategic shaded and non-shaded fuel breaks. The proposed initial and maintenance treatment activities consist of mechanical treatments, manual treatments, prescribed burning, targeted herbicide application, and prescribed herbivory. Proposed treatments would be implemented consistent with the USLTRCD Forest Health and Fire Resilience Public Works Plan. A Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum (PSA/Addendum) has been prepared for the project as a later activity covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The proposed treatment types and the treatment activities are consistent with those evaluated in the CalVTP Program EIR.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the USLTRCD (☒ Lead Agency) approved the above-described project on June 25, 2025 and has made the following determinations related to the PSA/Addendum:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. North Coastal San Luis Obispo County Regional Ecological Strategy for Improving Landscapes Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR.
 - a. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in project areas within the CalVTP treatable landscape are within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
 - b. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in areas outside the CalVTP treatable landscape and revisions to five standard project requirements and one mitigation measure from the CalVTP Program EIR would not result in the occurrence of any of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR; therefore, an Addendum has been adopted to address these changes to the program.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted by the USLTRCD for this project.
6. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted by the USLTRCD for this project, which reaffirmed the previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the North Coastal San Luis Obispo County Regional Ecological Strategy for Improving Landscapes Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR and record of project approval is available to the general public at the USLTRCD office or website at: <https://www.us-ltrcd.org/fire-prevention-and-forest-health>. The custodian of these documents is Spencer Gordon, Project Manager. Please contact Spencer Gordon at spencer@us-ltrcd.org or (805) 460-7272, Ext. 2, to arrange viewing.

Signature: *Amysmart* Title: Deputy Director Date: 6/25/25

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Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.