

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve Eucalyptus Removal

Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Contact Person: Dave Feliz
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 City: Fresno Zip: 93710 County: Fresno

Project Location: County: Monterey City/Nearest Community: Royal Oaks
 Cross Streets: Elkhorn Road and Strawberry Road Zip Code: 95076
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 49 ' 16.9 " N / 121 ° 43 ' 56.7 " W Total Acres: 13.6 acres
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 131-051-001-000, 023-000, 067-000 Section: N/A Twp.: T13S Range: R2E Base: N/A
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1 Waterways: Elkhorn Slough
 Airports: None Railways: UPRR Schools: Elkhorn Elementary

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Eucalyptus removal

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Ecological Reserve / Resource Conservation (Coastal Zone)

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

This IS/MND evaluates the environmental effects of removing eucalyptus trees in the Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve. The proposed project would be implemented over the course of 10 years. It includes the removal of up to 1,150 small eucalyptus trees (< 36" dbh) and 75 large eucalyptus trees (≥ 36" dbh) from four groves, varying in size from 1.3 to 8.2 acres. Nine other groves on the Reserve would remain. Eucalyptus would be removed between August 1 and November 1 of each year to avoid biological impacts. Trees would be cut and felled in place with chainsaws. All stumps would be treated with herbicide to prevent re-growth. Small branches would be chipped and chips scattered on-site to a depth of 6 inches or less. Logs and large branches would be hauled away. Replanting with native plants would occur where natural recruitment does not occur.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date December 10, 2014 Ending Date January 23, 2015

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
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City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____	Phone: _____
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 12/9/14

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.