



San Luis Obispo County

Department of Planning and Building Environmental Division

TO: Interested Party
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SUBJECT: Arroyo Grande Creek Channel Waterway Management Program -- Notice of Availability of Final EIR (ED 07-243)

The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Arroyo Grande Creek Channel Waterway Management Program is complete and available for public review. The FEIR addresses the environmental impacts that may be associated with the request to manage the lower, leveed three and a half miles of the Arroyo Grande Creek Channel through the management of sediment, vegetation, and by raising levees. The FEIR also includes responses to all comments received on the Draft EIR.

The project area is a linear corridor with two segments: (1) beginning on Arroyo Grande Creek 0.14 mile upstream of the confluence of Los Berros Creek and continuing downstream to the upper edge of the Arroyo Grande lagoon at the Pacific Ocean, and (2) beginning at the Century Lane Bridge on Los Berros Creek and continuing downstream to the confluence with Arroyo Grande Creek.

The EIR focuses on the following issues: agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, flooding, hydrology, and water quality, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, and transportation and circulation. The FEIR also considers two alternatives in addition to the "No Project" alternative.

HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

Copies of the Final EIR are available at the following locations: City/ County Library of San Luis Obispo. Copies are also available on loan and for review at the Department of Public Works, located at the 976 Osos St., Room 207, San Luis Obispo, 93408- 2040. The EIR is on the Department of Public Works, Division of Water Resources website at: www.slocountywater.org under "Zone 1/1A", scroll down to "Documents", FEIR for Arroyo Grande Creek Channel WMP.).

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing to discuss and certify the Final EIR has been scheduled for November 2, 2010 in the County Government Center Board Chambers located at 1055 Monterey Street, Room D-170, San Luis Obispo.