



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

1. Project Title: Slip-out Repair and Bank Stabilization Near 1780 Higgins Canyon Road Project
2. Lead Agency: County of San Mateo Department of Public Works
3. Contact Person: Julie Casagrande, Natural Resource Manager; (650) 599-1489; jcasagrande@smcgov.org
4. Project Location and APNs: Higgins Canyon Road near 1780 Higgins Canyon upstream of the Mills Creek crossing, approximately 1.3 miles southeast of central Half Moon Bay and 1.5 miles east of Highway 1 in unincorporated San Mateo County.


APNs: 066-100-100, 064-370-120, 064-370-160, and 064-370-300
5. General Plan Designation: Agriculture and Grazing Land, and Public Recreation
6. Zoning: Planned Agricultural District/Coastal Development District (PAD/CD) and Resource Management – Coastal Zones/Coastal Development District (RM-CZ/CD)
7. Project Description: The proposed project consists of road repairs, bank stabilization, and habitat enhancement along the southwestern bank of Mills Creek adjacent to the northeastern side of Higgins Canyon Road in San Mateo County. Approximately 110 linear feet of creek bed, 185 feet of creek bank, and 180 feet of roadway have been eroded and require repair. The objective of the Project is to repair the damaged road and restore the bed and failed bank of Mills Creek. The proposed Project involves: 1) an approximately 192-linear-foot-long soldier pile retaining wall, 2) an approximately 185-foot, biostabilization-based bank repair (soil lifts and vegetated boulder revetments), 3) approximately 110 linear feet of engineered creek bed to restore the channel to its pre-erosional original flowpath, and 4) reconstruction of approximately 180 linear feet of failed roadway within the existing footprint to restore the travel lane and shoulder area. The project would remove approximately 2,116 square feet of the asphalt from the existing compromised roadway on the northeastern edge of the road where it is affected by the slip-out. This would be replaced with approximately 4,556 square feet of new asphalt, including the failed pavement area. The finished roadway would be restored to its original width of approximately 20 feet wide.
8. The project site is not located on the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities.
9. Public Review Period: The IS/ND is available for a 30-day public review period, which begins on December 17, 2024 and ends at 5 p.m. on January 16, 2025. Please send comments on the IS/ND via email to jcasagrande@smcgov.org or to the following address: 555 County Center, Fifth Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063.
10. Document Availability: Copies of the IS/ND are available for review at the County of San Mateo Department of Public Works office at 555 County Center, Fifth Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (excepting holidays). An electronic copy of the IS/ND is also available to review on the County's website: <https://www.smcgov.org/publicworks/2023-slip-out-repair-near-1780-higgins-canyon-road>.

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PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION:

The County of San Mateo Department of Public Works is the lead agency in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Slip-out Repair and Bank Stabilization Near 1780 Higgins Canyon Road Project. In accordance with CEQA guidelines, the County of San Mateo Department of Public Works has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Slip-out Repair and Bank Stabilization Near 1780 Higgins Canyon Road Project. The County of San Mateo Director of Public Works has tentatively determined that the project analyzed in the attached initial study checklist would not have a significant effect on the environment, and the County of San Mateo intends to adopt a negative declaration.

12/17/2024
DATE OF THIS NOTICE

Digitally signed by Julie
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BY: Julie Casagrande, Natural Resource
Manager