



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date of Publication of Negative Declaration:	February 12, 2019
Lead Agency:	Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District 804 First Street Napa, CA 94559
Agency Contact Person:	Richard Thomasser, P.G. 707-259-8657 Richard.Thomasser@countyofnapa.org
Project Title:	Napa County Stream Maintenance Program
Project Location and APN:	County-wide; varied
Property Owner:	Varied
County:	Napa County
Brief Description of Project: The Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has updated the Stream Maintenance Program Manual to include additional District maintenance responsibilities, revised maintenance approaches, maintenance activities conducted by both the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) and the County Public Works Department's Roads Division (County Roads Division) in partnership with the District, and maintenance of the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project. The Manual provides the organizational framework to oversee routine stream maintenance activities, including vegetation management, erosion protection and bank stabilization, sediment removal, culvert repair and replacement, and other related activities. These maintenance activities occur mainly in engineered channels and "collectors", modified channels, and also in natural streams throughout Napa County on an as-needed basis. The District regards itself as a resource agency with a duty to integrate environmental benefits (such as habitat protection and enhancement) into stream maintenance activities.	
Location of Known Hazardous Sites: Maintenance activities occur on streams anywhere throughout the county. No known hazardous waste sites are within District channels or easements. However, it is possible that unknown occurrences of hazardous materials could be encountered during maintenance activities. This topic is discussed in the CEQA document.	
PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION: The Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has tentatively determined that the updated Napa County Stream Maintenance Program could have a significant but mitigable effect on the environment and the District intends to adopt a mitigated negative declaration. This finding is based upon the criteria of the Guidelines of the State Secretary for Resources Sections 15064 (Determining Significant Effects), 15065 (Mandatory Findings of Significance), and 15070 (Decision to Prepare a Negative Declaration), and the following reasons as documented in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Program, which is attached.	
Program documents, including the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the offices of the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 804 First Street, Napa, CA 94559 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:45 PM, Monday through Friday (excepting holidays). The document is also posted on the District's website: https://www.countyofnapa.org/1074/Flood-Water-Resources .	
WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD: February 12, 2019 – March 13, 2019 Written comments may be submitted up until 4:00 pm on March 13, 2019. Please send written comments to the attention of Richard Thomasser at 804 First Street, Napa, California, 94559, or via e-mail to Richard.thomasser@countyofnapa.org.	

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