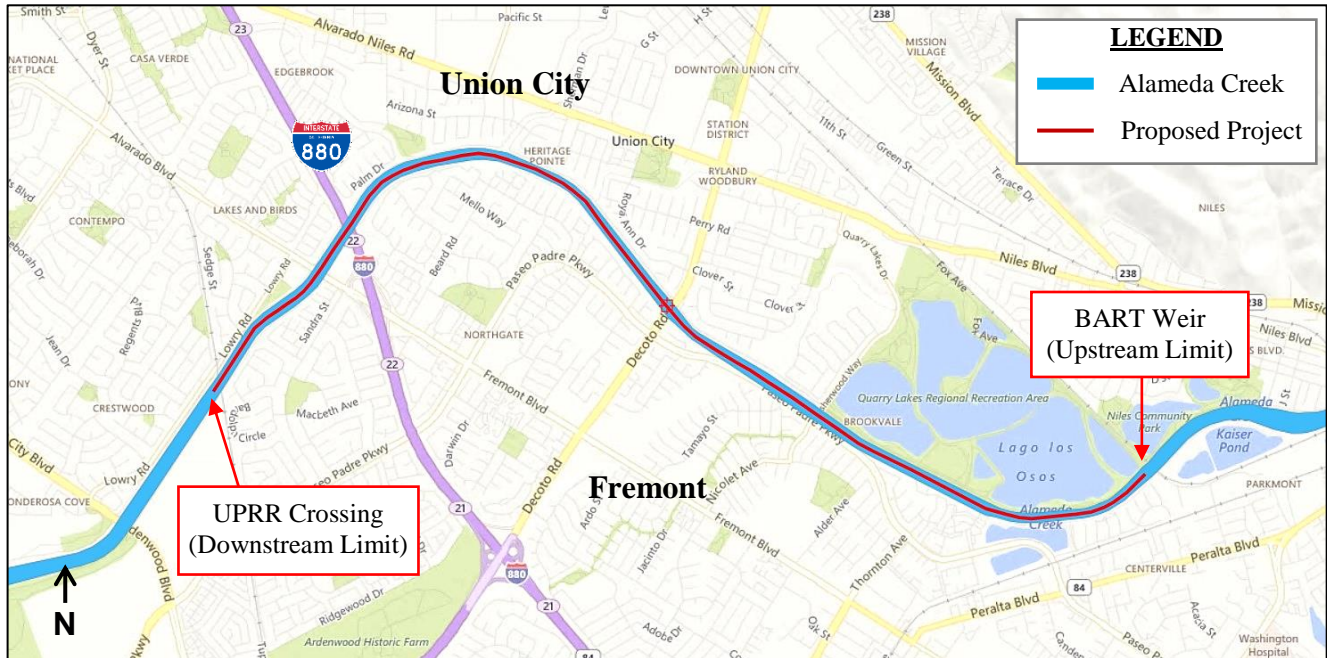




NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Lower Alameda Creek Fish Passage Restoration in Flood Control District Zone 5, Cities of Fremont and Union City, California

Background: Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970” (as amended to date), this is to advise that the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) is issuing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt an Initial/Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for this project. An Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared in accordance with the California Code of Regulations.



The proposed Project/Action involves: Optimization of the existing low flow channel within the 230 feet wide flood control channel from the scour pool immediately downstream of the BART Weir to about 600 feet downstream of the UPRR crossing; modification of the RD2/Larinier fishway concrete structure; modification of existing grade control structures; modification of bridges footings in the channel; modification of UPRR bridge footing in the channel; protect PG&E gas main channel crossing upstream of UPRR; installation of a new modified grade control structure; install boulders to improve habitat; and plant native shrubs and grasses on the new low flow channel terrace or flood plain) between the levees.

The purpose of this Proposed Project is to remove migratory impediments and improve the migratory corridor below the BART Weir to allow Central California Coast steelhead and other fish movement within the flood control channel to access upstream spawning grounds. The Project will also facilitate sediment transport downstream and thereby reduce maintenance desilting of the flood control channel as required under the Corps’ O&M manual.

The IS/MND describes the Proposed Project, analyzes whether the Project would result in any potentially significant impacts on the environment, describes measures that would avoid, mitigate and minimize any potential significant impacts to a less-than-significant level, and determines that the Project, with incorporation of a number of avoidance and minimization measures, will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The draft documents are available for download at <https://www.acpwa.org/environmental-documents>.

Public Comment Period: Written or email comments is solicited on the draft IS/MND. Responses to all comments received during the comment period of **Feb. 19, 2019 through 5:00 PM March 19, 2020** will be prepared. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will consider the Negative Declaration, all comments received and responses to those comments prior to approval of the project. Comments must be sent to: **ACFC&WCD, 399 Elmhurst St., Hayward, CA 94544. Attention: Jim Browne; Email: Jimb@acpwa.org**