

# Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

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# Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Remediation of Pesticides in Oso Flaco Creek Project

## **April 2021**

The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District (the District) is preparing a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Remediation of Pesticides in Oso Flaco Creek Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA guidelines 15072). The District is acting as the lead agency for the preparation of this MND pursuant to section 21082.1 of the CEQA guidelines.

# **Project Location**

The Project is located on lower Oso Flaco Creek upstream of Little Oso Flaco Lake, in the Oso Flaco watershed, San Luis Obispo County, California. The project occurs on four privately owned agricultural parcels (APNs: 092-021-028, 092-021-027,092-391-019, and 092-011-018) The Project footprint includes 1.2 miles of aquatic and riparian habitat surrounded by intensively cultivated agricultural land. The site is positioned in the lower watershed where DDT-laden sediment is deposited in the creek channel from upstream agricultural operations. While DDT is a legacy pesticide whose use has been banned since the 1970's, its long half-life and tendency to bind to fine sediment particles result in elevated levels of concentrations in sediments deposited in Oso Flaco Creek, Little Oso Flaco Lake, and Oso Flaco Lake.

### **Project Description**

The Remediation of Pesticides in Oso Flaco Creek Project will remediate DDT contamination in Oso Flaco Creek. The project will accomplish the following objectives:

- 1. Excavate 13,000 cubic yards of DDT-laden sediment from a 1.2 mile reach of Oso Flaco Creek
- 2. Remediate the excavated material to a threshold appropriate for agricultural cultivation
- 3. Implement management practices designed to capture sediment loads to reduce erosion along Oso Flaco Creek.
- 4. Educate the agricultural community about erosion control measures for improved water quality and soil health.

### **Submission of Comments**

The District invites the views and comments from the public as to the scope and content of the project and associated MND. Responses to this notice should be sent at the earliest possible

date, but not later than May 26th, 2021.

Please send responses to:

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Signature

April 23rd, 2021 Date