



PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

14. CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADDENDUM FOR LOS PADRES DAM GRAVEL **AUGMENTATION PROGRAM INCLUDING ADOPTION OF CEQA** FINDINGS AND MITIGATION **MEASURES**

Meeting Date: July 16, 2018

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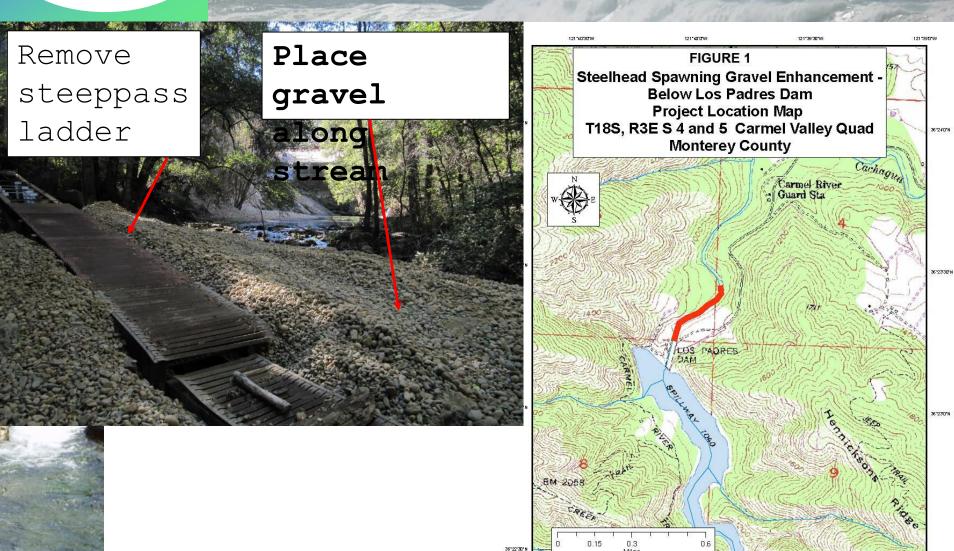
Program Description



- Initial importation and placement of up to 2,000 tons of spawning gravel in the Carmel River channel downstream of Los Padres Dam
- Remove dysfunctional steeppass ladder
- Three to four additional replenishment projects to import and place up to 1,500 tons of gravel each over a 10-year period
- Monitoring of results



Project Location





Board to consider CEQA actions

- The Board of Directors is acting as an independent body to consider all information in the record including:
 - Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration
 - Mitigation Measures
 - Any written or oral comments received at the July 16, 20178
 Public Hearing
 - Proposed Addendum
- Must be able to make a determination that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment with proposed mitigation measures



Board to consider CEQA analysis



- Potential significant effects:
 - The area can support spawning steelhead
 - There could be raptors and/or California red-legged frogs (CRLF) at the site
- Mitigation measures:
 - Carry out work when steelhead are not spawning
 - Conduct pre-project surveys for raptors and CRLF
- With proposed mitigation measures, an Environmental Impact Report is not necessary
- A Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate
- Addendum: remove dysfunctional ladder
 - This action requires no new mitigation measures and is within the footprint of the project



Recommendations



- Recommendation 1:
 - Accept any written or oral comments and address any written or oral comments received at the Public Hearing;
- Recommendation 2:
 - Adopt CEQA Findings to certify the Final IS/MND and Addendum;
- Recommendation 3:
 - Adopt Resolution 2018-15 certifying the IS/MND and Addendum and approve the Project;
- Recommendation 4:
 - Adopt mitigation measures included in the IS/MND
- Direct staff to prepare a Final IS/MND and file a Notice of Determination





FOR MORE INFORMATION

District website:

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PowerPoint presentations will be posted on the website the day after the meeting

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