

County of Santa Cruz

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the following project has been reviewed by the County Environmental Coordinator to determine if it has a potential to create significant impacts to the environment and, if so, how such impacts may be avoided. A Negative Declaration is prepared in cases where the project is determined not to have any significant environmental impacts. Either a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared for projects that may result in a significant impact to the environment.

Public review periods are provided for these Environmental Determinations according to the requirements of the CEQA Guidelines. The environmental document is available for review at the County Planning Department located at 701 Ocean Street, in Santa Cruz. You may also view the environmental document on the web at www.sccoplanning.com under the Planning Department menu. If you have questions or comments about this Notice of Intent, please contact Project Planner Randall Adams at (831) 454-3218

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PROJECT: Watsonville Slough Farm Community Harvest Project

APN(S): 052-081-34, 052-081-35, 052-081-37

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project would result in structural and site improvements to support operation of the proposed Community Harvest Program at the Watsonville Slough Farm that is owned and managed by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (Land Trust). The Program calls for opening up areas on the Farm to local families and other visitors so they can harvest fruits and vegetables for their own consumption while learning about healthy food and sustainable agricultural practices. A reconstructed barn, new restrooms, picnic areas, parking improvements, trails and a number of other minor improvements are proposed to support the Program. In addition, the Project includes development of four agricultural worker residential units.

EXISTING ZONE DISTRICT: CA

APPLICANT: Land Trust of Santa Cruz County OWNER: Land Trust of Santa Cruz County PROJECT PLANNER: Randall Adams

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ACTION: Mitigated Negative Declaration

REVIEW PERIOD: 11/07/2024 – 12/07/2024

This project will be considered at a public hearing by the Planning Commission. The time, date, and location have not been set. When scheduling does occur, these items will be included in all public hearing notices for the project.