



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Humboldt, as Lead Agency, in accordance with the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (finding of no significant adverse environmental effect) on the project described below. **This notification is to advise you that the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department will receive public comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration from May 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017.**

PROJECT TITLE: Martin Slough Enhancement Conditional Use Permit, Application Number 11085

APPLICANT: Northcoast Regional Land Trust

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves the enhancement of approximately 8,000 feet of Martin Slough and its tributaries, starting at the tide gates at the confluence of Martin Slough and Swain Slough and extending upstream onto the Eureka Municipal Golf Course property. The project also includes enhancement of associated wetlands and riparian habitat, with the objectives of enhancing plant, fish, and wildlife habitat, improving water quality, increasing resiliency to climate change, and reducing flooding. Project components include enlargement of the Martin Slough channel; construction of several tidal marsh areas and tidal ponds; daylighting of a tributary channel currently routed into underground pipes; raising of some local low areas in the NRLT pasture and on the golf course within the Coastal Zone, and on the golf outside the Coastal Zone, to improve drainage and eliminate potential fish stranding areas; replacement of multiple agricultural-use and golf course stream crossings (including culverts in the pasture and bridges on the golf course); installation of large wood for habitat in some instream and pond locations throughout the project; and extensive planting of wetland and riparian vegetation. The project also includes installation of three scour protection devices around a 12-inch diameter natural gas line at three separate locations, two on NRLT property and one on City property. The gas lines are owned by Pacific Gas & Electric Co (PG&E). One-hundred and thirty feet (130) of six-inch diameter gas line on NRLT property will be re-located where it crosses Martin Slough by excavating and removing the old pipe and setting 130 feet of new pipe at a lower elevation (i.e., deeper) within the existing 10-foot wide gas line easement. A four-inch gas line will be de-commissioned. PG&E is a cooperating project partner. PG&E is paying for the design and implementation of the gas line de-commissioning and relocation and will implement the gas line decommissioning and relocation projects.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in Humboldt County, in the Eureka area, on both sides of Fairway Drive, approximately 1.08 miles east from the intersection of Elk River Road and Herrick Avenue on the property known as 4750 Fairway Drive, also known as Eureka Municipal Golf Course; on both sides of Elk River Road, approximately 350 feet south from the intersection of Elk River Road and Pine Hill Road on the properties known as 5396 and 5431 Elk River Road; on the east side of Myers Avenue, approximately 0.35 miles east from the intersection of Elk River Road and Pine Hill Road on the property known as 6111 Meyers Avenue; and the properties known to be in Sections 3, 4 and 9 of Township 04 North, Range 01 West, HBM.

ADDRESS WHERE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND WHERE COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED:

Humboldt County Planning and Building Department
Attn.: Michelle Nielsen
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

The project and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered at a public hearing before the Humboldt County Planning Commission to be held on June 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, California.

Specific questions regarding the proposed project and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be directed to Michelle Nielsen, Senior Planner, at (707) 268-3708.