



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WINTER CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM FOR THE LOPEZ LAKE WATERSHED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has completed a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Winter Cloud Seeding Program for the Lopez Lake and Salinas Reservoir Watersheds. The District will conduct a public hearing on the adequacy of the MND and a program for the Lopez Lake Watershed Project (Project). Cloud seeding in the Salinas Reservoir Watershed is not being proposed at this time. The hearing is scheduled as follows:

Hearing Date: August 13, 2019

Hearing Location: County Government Center
Board of Supervisors Chambers
1055 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Project Description: The Project would increase precipitation in the Lopez Lake Watershed during certain winter precipitation events. The seeding program in the Lopez Lake Watershed would potentially use a combination of ground-seeding sites and aircraft.

Project Location: The Project is located throughout the approximately 60-square-mile Lopez Lake Watershed.

Environmental Review Information: The MND focuses on the following issues: agricultural resources, biological resources, and cultural resources. The draft MND was released for public review and comment between February 19, 2018 and March 20, 2018. The District received approximately 32 comments on the Draft MND and the Project during that period.

The State Clearinghouse Number is SCH2018021040.

Project Information: The final MND and related Project documents can be accessed on the County of San Luis Obispo's website at:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Current-Public-Works-Projects.aspx>

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