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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project: Watsonville Lee Road Trail Project

APPLICATION #: 201188

APNs: 018-281-63; 018-391-02; 018-392-01; 052-082-02; 052-091-41; 052-221-17; County and City Road ROW

Summary Project Description: The City of Watsonville is proposing the Lee Road Trail Project. The 1.43 mile-long trail would generally be a 12-foot wide pedestrian/bicycle trail along the east side of Lee Road, with a 12-foot wide pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the portion of Lee Road extending through (and submerged by) Struve Slough. Additionally, portions of the trail would extend along Harkins Slough Road on the north end to Pajaro Valley High School, along the west side of Lee Road on the south end to the rail trail, and along the unpaved path located on the north side of Watsonville Slough to existing trails on the east side of Highway 1.

Summary Project Location: The project is located along Lee Road, which extends through the City of Watsonville and unincorporated Santa Cruz County on the west side of Highway 1. Santa Cruz County is bounded on the north by San Mateo County, on the south by Monterey and San Benito counties, on the east by Santa Clara County, and on the south and west by the Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

Owner and Applicant: City of Watsonville

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This project will be considered at a public hearing before the Zoning Administrator. 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

California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration Findings:

Find, that this Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis, and; that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period, and; on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. The expected environmental impacts of the project are documented in the attached Initial Study on file with the County of Santa Cruz Clerk of the Board located at 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz, California.

Review Period Ends: January 22, 2021

Date: December 23, 2020

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