

014-25 NOD

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
c/o Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean St., Rm. 520,
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From:

44-100(2025-150)
LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Cruz Water Department
212 Locust Street, Suite C,
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Contact: Zeke Bean
Phone: (831) 420-5478

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

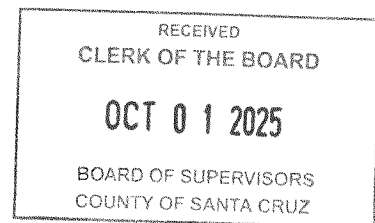
State Clearinghouse Number: 2023080658

Project Title: Anadromous Salmonid Habitat Conservation Plan (ASHCP)

Project Location: Santa Cruz County (see attached plan area map)

Project Description:

Implementation of the ASHCP provides a strategy for avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating potential impacts from City operation and maintenance activities on state- and federally endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) (coho) and federally threatened Central California Coast steelhead (*O. mykiss*) (steelhead) (Covered Species). The ASHCP was developed in support of applications for federal and state incidental take permits (ITPs) for coho and steelhead. The state ITP will be granted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) pursuant to Section 2081 of the California Fish and Game Code (CFG) (the California Endangered Species Act [CESA] of 1984). The federal ITP will be granted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973. The ASHCP is a 30-year plan that provides coverage for Covered Activities related to operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of the City's water supply and water system facilities, operation and maintenance of the City's municipal facilities, and management of City lands. The Conservation Strategy includes biological goals and objectives, avoidance and minimization measures, a non-flow conservation fund, and a monitoring program.



This is to advise that the City of Santa Cruz as ☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency has approved the above described project on September 30, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An environmental impact report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: the offices of the City of Santa Cruz Water Department, 212 Locust Street, Suite C, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Signature (Lead Agency): Mudi R. Luckenbach

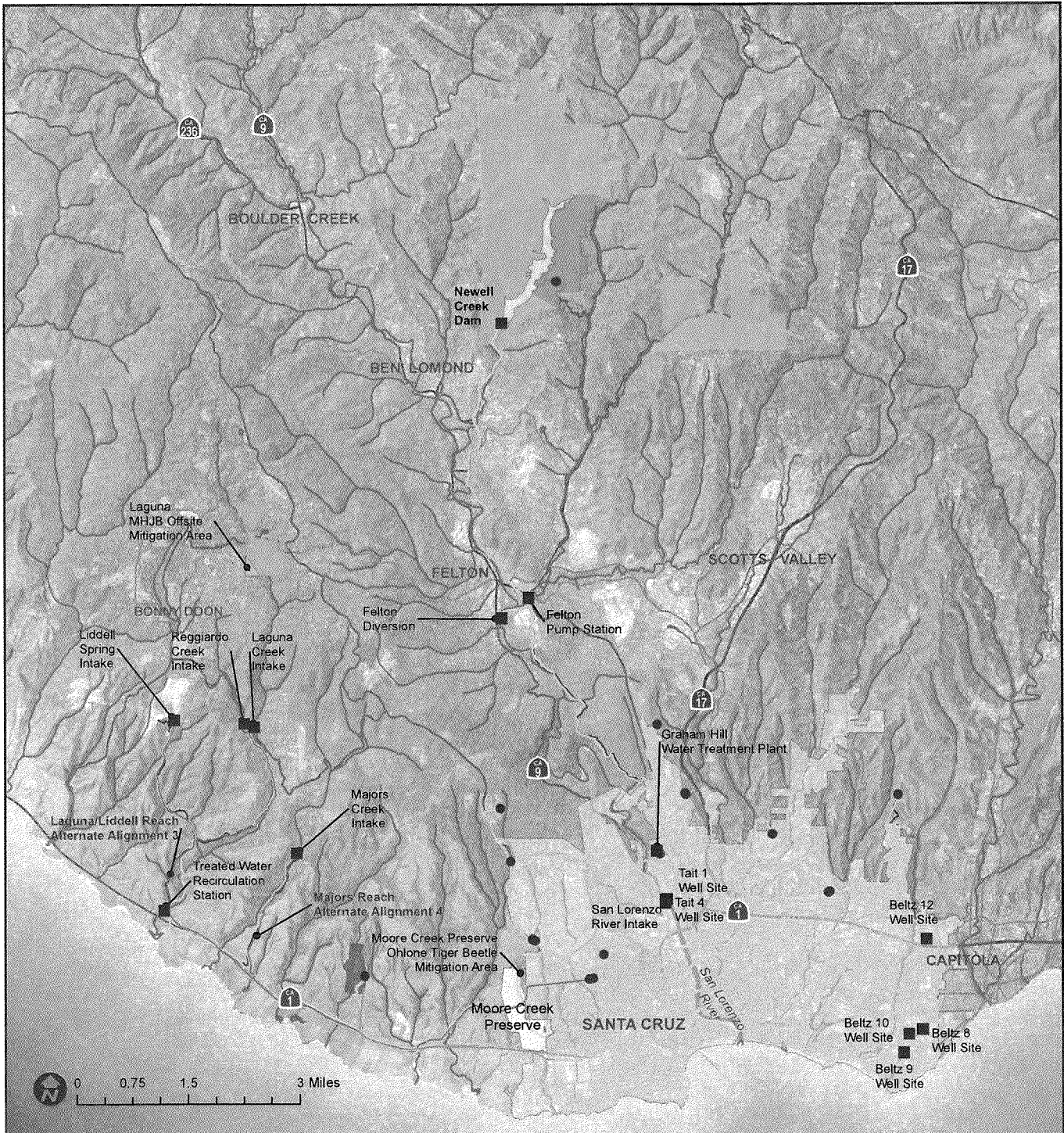
Title: Water Director

Date: 9/30/2025

Date Received for filing at OPR/County:

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 10/1 2025
AND ENDING 11/6 2025

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ SECTION 10 PERMITTING PROGRAM
FIGURE 1. PLAN AREA



Base Map

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| City Watershed Lands | State Highways |
| Service Area Boundary | Relevant Roads |
| Moore Creek Preserve | Streams |
| Loch Lomond Recreation Area | |
| Newell Creek Reservoir | |

Plan Area

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| Water Supply Facilities | Landfill Leachate Line |
| Treated Water Storage Tanks | Existing Water Pipelines |
| Resource Recovery Facility | Future Water Pipelines |
| Laguna MHJB Preserve | Pipeline Access Roads |
| Moore Creek Preserve OTB Mitigation Site | |