



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING
April 16, 2014 @ 5:30 PM**

**Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trails
& Habitat Restoration Project
Case No. 13-039-CUP**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Goleta has completed a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DMND) for the project described below and invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis and mitigation measures described in the DMND. The public comment period begins on March 26, 2014 and will end on April 24, 2014 at 5:00 PM. All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comment. All letters should be addressed to Planning and Environmental Review, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117, to the attention of Anne Wells, Planning Manager. **All comments must be received no later than April 24, 2014 at 5:00 PM.**

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: A DMND has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the *State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)*. The DMND identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, monitoring requirements, and residual impacts for the identified subject areas. Potentially significant effects on the environment that can be mitigated are anticipated in the following areas: **Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Transportation and Traffic**. Further, the site is not listed on any hazardous waste facilities or disposal sites as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project location is regionally known as the Ellwood Mesa Open Space Plan Area (Ellwood Mesa). The project area is limited to approximately 13 acres within this area, which has a land use designation of Open Space/Passive Recreation and zoned Recreation (REC). APN 079-210-024, 079-210-069, 079-210-015, 079-210-014, 079-210-013, 079-210-072, 079-210-071, and 079-210-070.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY: The proposed project includes the following elements:

- Improvements to approximately 2.1 miles of coastal trail on Ellwood Mesa
- Construction of a culvert over an inactive gully (i.e., Gully A) and boardwalk style crossings over an active drainage (i.e., Drainage A) and Devereux Creek

- Improvements to two beach access points, including drainage improvements as well as the removal of asphalt at Beach Access Point E and construction of steps at Beach Access Point F
- Habitat restoration, including vegetation removal and planting of native species along the trail corridor

HEARING DATE AND TIME:

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 @ 5:30 PM

HEARING LOCATION:

**City of Goleta City Hall
Council Chambers
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117**

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The DMND is available for public review at the City of Goleta Planning and Environmental Review Department 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, California on and after March 26, 2014. Copies of the DMND are also available in electronic format (CD) for \$7.00 per CD. The document will also be posted to the City's web site at www.cityofgoleta.org. **Note:** If you challenge the City's final action on this project in court, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised in written or oral testimony and/or evidence provided to Planning and Environmental Review on or before the date that the public comment period ends (Government Code Section 65009(b)[2]).

Note: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact Deborah Lopez, City Clerk, at (805) 961-7505. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable City staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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