



Date of Notice: *January 23, 2019*  
**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve  
Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan  
Case No. 13-087**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Goleta has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan (MBHMP) described below. The City invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis described in the Draft IS/MND. The public comment period begins on *January 25, 2019* and will end on February 24, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments. All letters should be addressed to Planning and Environmental Review, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117, to the attention of Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager, Tel: (805) 961-7557; Fax: (805) 961-7551; awells@cityofgoleta.org. **All comments must be received no later than February 24, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.**

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The coverage area for the MBHMP (Coverage Area) is located on approximately 75 acres of habitat supporting monarch butterfly seasonal aggregation areas in the Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space (Ellwood Mesa Open Space) in the City of Goleta. Ellwood Mesa Open Space has a land use designation of Open Space/Passive Recreation and zoned Recreation (REC), and includes the following APNs: 079-210-070 079-210-069; 079-210-071; 079-210-072; 079-210-024; 079-491-016; 079-210-051; 079-210-050; 079-445-001; 079-395-015; 079-442-023; 079-210-019; 079-210-015; 079-210-014; and 079-210-013.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of the MBHMP is to provide a programmatic approach to management of habitats that support monarch butterfly seasonal aggregations, while maintaining the Coverage Area's functionality as habitat for other plants and other animals, such as red-shouldered hawks, turkey vultures, and acorn woodpeckers. The City prepared the MBHMP in compliance with the two, key policy documents that drive the protection of monarch butterflies in Goleta: the City of Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan and Ellwood-Devereux Coast Open Space and Habitat Management Plan.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** A Draft IS/MND has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, §§ 21000, et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, §§ 150000, et seq.), and the City's Environmental Review Guidelines. The Draft IS/MND identifies and discusses potential impacts and residual impacts for the identified subject areas. Based on the discussion and analysis provided in the Draft IS/MND, it is anticipated that the project described would not create any significant adverse effects on the environment with the inclusion of mitigation measures in the following areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Hydrology/Water Quality, Noise, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. 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.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Draft IS/MND is available for public review at the City of Goleta Planning and Environmental Review Department, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, California and at the Goleta library on and after January 25, 2019. Copies of the Draft IS/MND are also available in electronic format (CD) for \$7.00 per CD. The document is posted on the City's web site at [www.cityofgoleta.org](http://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]).

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