



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City Council
March 19, 2019; 6:00 p.m.

Ellwood Mesa Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan-MND Adoption

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Goleta City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider Resolutions adopting the Ellwood Mesa Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan (MBHMP) and the associated Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The date, time, and location of the public hearing are set forth below. The agenda for the hearing will also be posted on the City website (<https://tinyurl.com/GoletaMeetings>).

HEARING DATE AND TIME:
PLACE:

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.
City of Goleta, Council Chambers
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, California 93117

PROJECT LOCATION: The Coverage Area for the MBHMP is located within the City-owned Ellwood Mesa Open Space, a regional open space. The entire Coverage Area is within the Coastal Zone.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The MBHMP outlines the programmatic approach and methods for the City to manage and improve the Ellwood Mesa eucalyptus forest for the benefit of the overwintering behavior of the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), other wildlife, and the public's use and enjoyment. Two key local policy documents drive the protection of the monarch butterfly: the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan and the Ellwood-Devereux Coast Open Space/Habitat Management Plan. The MBHMP entails 22 programs integrating diverse aspects of habitat management. Each specific program identifies goals, policies, and actions to establish an efficient process leading to a management strategy for the sustainability of monarch habitat at Ellwood. The programs are followed by implementation priorities, schedules, needs, and contacts for those responsible for implementation. The 22 programs are organized into four categories as follows:

- 9 Administrative Programs are designed to assist the City with and inform the MBHMP stakeholders of the details regarding implementation.
- 7 Natural Resources Management Programs articulate the goals, policies, and actions necessary to maintain and improve key natural resources, including biological diversity and ecosystem functions associated with Ellwood eucalyptus groves and the monarch butterfly aggregation sites they support.
- 3 Outreach Programs will provide information for visitors, educators, and students to develop appreciation for natural resources and local natural heritage, with a focus on monarchs.
- 3 Monitoring, Research, and Adaptive Management Programs provide a mechanism for assessing environmental conditions and conducting studies to help understand the ecology of monarchs at Ellwood. Information obtained from these programs will inform MBHMP updates.

Funding for implementation of the MBHMP will be drawn from a variety of sources, which may include grants, donations, mitigation fees, and City funds. The California state budget for the 2018–2019 fiscal year allocated 3.9 million dollars to the City for management and restoration of the monarch butterfly habitats on Ellwood Mesa.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), City staff drafted an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project. The IS/MND identified mitigation measures to reduce all impacts to less than significant levels and did not identify any residually significant impacts.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The staff report may be obtained at the City of Goleta, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117. The documents will be posted on the City's web site at www.cityofgoleta.org at least 72 hours ahead of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and to present written and/or oral comments. Written submittals concerning agenda items may be sent to the City Clerk e-mail: dlopez@cityofgoleta.org; or mail: Attn: City Council and City Clerk at 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B Goleta, California 93117. In order to be disseminated to the City Council for consideration during the Council meeting, written information must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than Monday at noon prior to the City Council meeting. Material received after this time may not be reviewed by the City Council prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional information is on file at the Planning and Environmental Review Department, Goleta City Hall, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117. Contact Anne Wells at (805) 961-7557 or awells@cityofgoleta.org for more information regarding the project or visit <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/city-hall/planning-and-environmental-review/monarch-butterfly-inventory-and-habitat-management-plan>. [Para información en español, por favor llame Sr. Jaime Valdez, (805) 961-7568.]

Note: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 961-7505. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable City staff to make reasonable arrangements

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 at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City on or before the date of the hearing (Government Code §65009[b][2]).

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