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Comment Period Extended for Arroyo Mocho Medeiros Parkway Project
Zone 7 Water Agency ensures that public has sufficient time for review

To provide the public additional time for review and input, Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) is extending the public comment period by two weeks for its Arroyo Mocho Medeiros Reach Floodplain and Riparian Restoration Project to June 8, 2018. Input during the public comment period is a critical component of the CEQA process, as it helps to inform and refine the proposed project. Zone 7 held two community workshops on the project prior to the release of the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As the public has reviewed the document, more questions and concerns have been posed. Extending the comment period will allow the community more time to review the project and provide input.

Zone 7 released a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on April 25, 2018. A Mitigated Negative Declaration means that Zone 7 has studied the potential environmental impacts of the project and determined that any impacts can be avoided or mitigated to a point where no significant impacts to the environment would occur.

An integral part of the CEQA process is the public comment period. The comment period is the public's opportunity to let Zone 7 know its feedback on the project. Based on the comments and input received, Zone 7 will develop a plan to mitigate impacts as part of the project. Zone 7 values the public's input, and will develop a plan to respond to all comments in the final document. The final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will incorporate the comments and proposed mitigation measures and it is expected that it will be considered by the Zone 7 Board of Directors for adoption at its July 18, 2018 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Comments on the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) must be received by June 8, 2018. Comments may be sent in hard copy or email to:

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Zone 7 Board meetings are open to the public. Agendas are posted at <http://www.zone7water.com>.

The public may review the IS/MND and all documents referenced in the IS/MND during normal operating hours at the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 office located at 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA 94551. It is also available on the Zone 7 website at <http://www.zone7water.com/publications-reports/environmental-review-documents>.

Copies are also available for review at the City of Livermore main library at 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. A CD of the IS/MND may also be requested by contacting Emily Moshier, P.E., at (925) 454-5035 or by email at emoshier@zone7water.com.

The Arroyo Mocho Medeiros Reach Floodplain and Riparian Restoration Project is an integral component of the regional flood control and habitat restoration strategy for Arroyo Mocho in Zone 7's Service Area. Project objectives include flood risk reduction, sediment management, habitat enhancement, groundwater recharge, water quality improvement, and recreation/community compatibility. The project is located within a 40-acre area along the 0.7-mile Medeiros Reach of Arroyo Mocho in the City of Livermore in Alameda County, California. The Medeiros Reach of Arroyo Mocho is located between Arroyo Road and Holmes Street, south of College Avenue. The project would occur on public property owned by Zone 7.

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