



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 7, 2015 the Ventura Port District (District) issued a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) to identify and evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Ventura Harbor Marina and Yacht Yard Expansion. The project involves expansion and improvements of the existing Ventura Harbor Marina and Yacht Yard to increase the number of boat slips from 40 to 80 (40 new boat slips). The proposed expansion involves removing the existing dock structure, concrete ramps, a portion of the existing pier, and fuel docks; construction of an expanded dock structure; relocation of the fuel dock; onshore parking improvements; and other related facility improvements. The expanded dock would extend further into the main channel of Ventura Harbor as compared to the existing dock, but would be consistent with the channel limit considered by the Ventura Port District Commission in June 2014. The proposed parking improvements would require removal of several mature palm trees and other landscape elements.

The Draft IS-MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines to inform the public and decision-makers about the potential environmental effects of the proposed project, and to solicit input on the proposed project and related effects from applicable agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties. The analysis within the Draft IS-MND finds that all potential environmental effects would be less than significant or can be mitigated to less than significant levels through incorporation of mitigation measures.

In accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, the District has established a 30-day public review period, beginning on August 7, 2015, to solicit comments and input on the Draft IS-MND.

All written comments should be forwarded to

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Following close of the public comment period, responses to comments received on the Draft IS-MND will be prepared and, together with any corresponding revisions to the Draft IS-MND, will constitute the Final IS-MND.

The Final IS-MND will be considered and acted upon by the Port Commission at a public hearing on a date to be determined.

The Draft IS-MND and associated technical reports are available for review on the District's website:

<http://venturaharbor.com>

Copies of the Draft IS-MND and all referenced documents are available for public review by appointment at the District office at 1603 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura, CA 93001. Please contact Jessica Rauch at the e-mail address listed above to set up an appointment.