

## Response to Comments on the Lopez Water Project Contract Changes Draft Negative Declaration

The Lopez Water Project Contract Changes Draft Negative Declaration (ND) was distributed on January 28, 2022, for a 30-day public comment period.

The following agencies, organizations, and members of the public provided comments on the Draft ND:

1. County of San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Department, Nick Franco, Director, provide comments by email dated January 26, 2022. The comments stated the following in support of the project: "It looks like a potential net benefit to improve the opportunity to keep the water levels higher than existing levels, so that would definitely be good for our recreational users."

**Response:** The County acknowledged receipt of the comments. No other response or changes to the ND are required. A copy of the comment email is attached (Attachment A).

No other comments were received.

## Attachment A - Comments from County of San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Department

**From:** [Nick Franco](#)  
**To:** [Monica J. Stillman](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Lopez Water Contract Changes draft ND  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 3:39:14 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.jpg](#)

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Thanks for sharing! It looks like a potential net benefit to improve the opportunity to keep the water levels higher than existing levels, so that would definitely be good for our recreational uses.

Thanks,  
Nick

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**From:** Monica J. Stillman <mjstillman@co.slo.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:15 AM  
**To:** Nick Franco <nfranco@co.slo.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Lopez Water Contract Changes draft ND

Hello Nick –

The attached Negative Declaration for the proposed Lopez Water Project Contract Changes Project is out for a 30-day comment period, from January 28 to February 28, 2022.

The project would change how water is stored in Lopez Reservoir, which could affect reservoir water levels and flows in Arroyo Grande Creek. It would not require any new construction or any changes to the existing Lopez Water Project infrastructure, and would not change existing water allocations or where the water is used.

Thanks! Monica



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