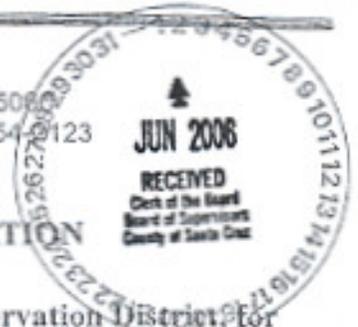




# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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### NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Application Number: 06-0041

Santa Cruz County, Resource Conservation District for  
Dana & Carol Izzarelli

Proposal to replace a concrete at-grade stream crossing with a bridge over Soquel Creek. The proposed bridge is 120 feet long and will pass the 100-year flood event. The primary purpose is to facilitate fish passage for endangered species, however the project will also provide more reliable access to the residential parcels east of the creek. Requires a grading permit, Riparian Exception, Biotic Report Review and Engineering Report Review. This project is located at the terminus of Tucker Road, east of Highway 17, at Soquel Creek in Scotts Valley, California.

APN:095-181-15 & 097-201-06

**Paia Levine, Staff Planner**

Zone District: TP (Timber Production)

ACTION: Negative Declaration with Mitigations

REVIEW PERIOD ENDS: May 17, 2006

This project will be administratively considered by Environmental Planning Principal Planner after May 17, 2006.

Findings:

This project, if conditioned to comply with required mitigation measures or conditions shown below, will not have significant effect on the environment. The expected environmental impacts of the project are documented in the Initial Study on this project attached to the original of this notice on file with the Planning Department, County of Santa Cruz, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California.

Required Mitigation Measures or Conditions:

None  
 Are Attached

Review Period Ends May 17, 2006

Date Approved By Environmental Coordinator May 18, 2006

  
KEN HART  
Environmental Coordinator  
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THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A  
PERIOD COMMENCING June 2 2006  
AND ENDING July 2 2006

Complete and file this notice with the Clerk of the Board:

### NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project on May 18, 2006.  
No EIR was prepared under CEQA.

THE PROJECT WAS DETERMINED TO NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

Date completed notice filed with Clerk of the Board: May 31, 2006

NAME: Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District for owners  
Izzarelli and Gorley  
APPLICATION: 06-0041  
A.P.N: 95-181-15, 97-201-16

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION MITIGATIONS**

- A. In order to ensure that the mitigation measures B - E (below) are communicated to the various parties responsible for constructing the project, prior to any disturbance on the property the applicant shall convene a pre-construction meeting on the site. The following parties shall attend: applicant, grading contractor supervisor, Santa Cruz County Resource Planning staff, project biologist, Fall Creek Engineering staff. The temporary construction fencing demarcating the disturbance envelope, staging areas, spoils areas, and tree protection marking will be inspected. The applicant shall provide a copy of the DFG 1600 agreement and NMFS Fish and Wildlife Biological Opinion to be reviewed on site. Results of pre-construction biotic surveys and evidence of worker training will also be collected.
- B. In order to avoid impacts to special status plants, prior to issuance of the riparian exception or grading permit the project biologist shall perform properly timed floristic surveys for species listed as potentially occurring in the project area in the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB). If the surveys are positive the project plans shall be modified to avoid the special status plants.
- C. In order to mitigate impacts to the riparian corridor, prior to issuance of the riparian exception or grading permit, the applicant shall submit a detailed restoration plan for replacement of riparian vegetation that is removed and revegetation of disturbed areas, for review and approval by County staff. The plan shall include: plot plan showing where disturbance will occur and where replacement plants will be planted, species list, and maintenance and monitoring for five years or until success standards are reached. The maintenance plan shall include three years summer irrigation and follow up removal of non-native species for five years. Trees to remain within the disturbance area shall be flagged in advance of any disturbance.
- D. In order to reduce potential impacts to wildlife resources (special status birds, amphibians and fish) to a less than significant level, the applicant shall:
1. Implement all recommendations of the Biotic Assessment (Gilchrist and Associates, January 17, 2006, the final NMFS Biological Opinion (BO), and DFG stream alteration agreement. These recommendations include: project work period August 1 – October 15, pre-construction wildlife surveys, monitoring by a qualified biologist during initial clearing, vegetation removal, ford removal, and channel grading, and worker training;
  2. Prior to issuance of the Riparian Exception or grading permit the stream diversion plan and biologic monitoring schedule shall be modified to conform to the final BO and the Biotic Assessment. Water pumped from the upstream side of the diversion dam shall be pumped to a tank or an upland area, or filtered prior to return to the stream. The project fish biologist shall visit the site twice weekly.

- E. In order to prevent impacts from erosion and sedimentation, prior to issuance of the Riparian Exception or grading permit the applicant shall revise the erosion control plan to include the following:
1. plot plan showing disturbance envelope (to be marked in the field as well) and approved spoils area;
  2. indicate how spoils from drilling will be collected and disposed of outside the riparian area,
  3. construction schedule including approximate number of days required for each phase of work and overall schedule to begin after August 1 and end by October 15;
  4. list of seeds to be approved by project biologist and use of clean rice straw only.