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**PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE DRAFT AND COMMENT PERIOD OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY STORMWATER RESOURCE PLAN**

Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District in coordination and collaboration with local agencies and organizations will hold a meeting on September 20, 2018 to receive public comment on the Draft San Luis Obispo County Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP). The public meeting will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the San Luis Obispo City/County Library Community Room, located at 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA. For those who cannot attend the meeting in person, view the meeting at: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/984305653>.

As a result of Senate Bill 985, public agencies are required to develop a plan that meets state guidelines to be eligible to receive bond funds (approved by California voters after January 2014) for stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects. The intent of the legislation is to encourage the use of runoff as a resource to improve water quality, reduce localized flooding, and increase water supplies for beneficial uses and the environment.

The plan identifies and prioritizes projects on a watershed basis such as green streets and low impact development measures, regional capital improvements, and other runoff capture infrastructure. Projects are evaluated for providing multiple benefits such as reducing pollutant loading to receiving waters, recharging groundwater, conserving and reusing water, decreasing flood risk, protecting and enhancing environmental habitats, increase urban green space, enhancing recreation and public use areas, and advancing community involvement, education and employment opportunities.

The draft plan will be available on the County's website on September 10, 2018. The public comment period for the draft plan ends on October 10, 2018. Comments can be addressed to Larissa Clarke, Project Manager, Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District at (805) 772-4391 or via email at [lclarke@coastalrcd.org](mailto:lclarke@coastalrcd.org).

Community members are encouraged to attend the public meeting which will give an overview of the draft plan and provide an opportunity to receive input from community members and stakeholders for development of the final plan.

The countywide stormwater resource planning effort was funded in part by two grants awarded by the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources under Proposition 1, The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

For a copy of the Public Draft or other pertinent information on stormwater resource planning efforts, please visit: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/SWRP>

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