



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: November 20, 2014

TO: Responsible and Trustee Agencies / Interested Organizations, and Individuals

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15072, the Orange County Sanitation District hereby gives notice that an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the MacArthur Pump Station Rehabilitation Project is now available for review and comment.

PROJECT TITLE: MacArthur Pump Station Rehabilitation Project

PROJECT LOCATION: 4219 MacArthur Blvd. Newport Beach, CA 92260

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District) is proposing to upgrade the existing MacArthur Pump Station and the associated infrastructure in the City of Newport Beach (Figure 1). In May 2006, the Sanitation District adopted a Negative Declaration for the rehabilitation of the existing pump station. However, that project was not constructed and additional construction elements have been added to the proposed project since that time. The proposed Project would include rehabilitation of the pump station, replacement of a force main, modification of an existing manhole, and reconstruction of two gravity sewer lines. Under the current schedule, construction is anticipated to occur between July 2017 and July 2018.

Elements of the proposed Project include:

- Replacement of existing pumps with new higher capacity pumps to accommodate projected flows and add emergency standby capacity
- Mechanical, electrical, and structural improvements of the pump station to bring the facility into compliance with current electrical and safety codes
- Replacement of 2,130 linear feet of existing cement force main with high-density polyethylene pipe
- Modification of a manhole located at the intersection of Birch Street and MacArthur Boulevard
- Reconstruction/replacement of approximately 2,000 linear feet of upstream gravity sewer lines and manholes
- Abandonment of the existing sewer lines using grout injection
- Replacement of the existing sidewalk and landscape improvements

FINDINGS:

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, following an Initial Study and assessment of possible adverse impacts, the Sanitation District has determined that the environmental effects from the proposed Project would be less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures. Therefore, the Sanitation District has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:

The Sanitation District encourages agencies and members of the public to review and comment on this document. In accordance with the time limits mandated by CEQA, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review for 30 days. Written comments must be received by the Sanitation District by no later than December 20, 2014. Please mail your written comments to Daisy Covarrubias at the address shown below. Please include a return address and contact name with your comments.

Address: Orange County Sanitation District
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
Attn: Daisy Covarrubias
Telephone: (714) 593-7119
Email: dcovarrubias@ocsd.com

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review at www.ocsd.com. Copies are also available for public review at the following locations:

- Orange County Sanitation District, Administrative Office Building, Engineering Department, 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
- Newport Beach Public Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660
- Newport Beach Public Library-Mariners Branch, 2005 Dover Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660
- Orange County Public Library-Costa Mesa, 1855 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

The Sanitation District will take comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project at a public hearing on December 11, 2014 to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Offices Board Room, located at the above mentioned address. For further information, please call 714-593-7119.

The Sanitation District's Board of Directors will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 25, 2015 to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Offices Board Room, located at the above mentioned address.

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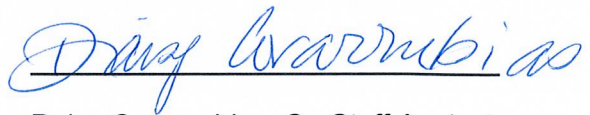

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Figure 1: Project Area Map

