



**Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt
Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Big Canyon Habitat Restoration
& Water Quality Improvement Project**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Newport Beach has completed an Initial Study and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Big Canyon Habitat Restoration & Water Quality Improvement Project.

Project Location: The site is located within the Big Canyon Nature Park on 6 acres located west and east of Jamboree Road and east of Upper Newport Bay in the City of Newport Beach.

Project Description: The proposed project encompasses 6 acres and includes the following: (1) restore historic riparian habitat by removing non-native vegetation and replace it with native plantings, (2) stabilize the creek and floodplain, (3) improve water quality in Big Canyon Creek and Newport Bay through the addition of a water quality treatment bioretention cell, extension of the Jamboree culvert, concrete stilling basin, and dosing station, and (4) enhance public access within the Big Canyon Nature Park. The project also includes maintenance of the proposed water quality features to ensure that the features are functioning as originally designed.

On the basis of the Initial Study, City staff has concluded that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment and has therefore recommended adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The MND reflects the independent judgment of City staff and recognizes project design features, previous environmental evaluations, and standard construction and engineering practices. The project site does not include any sites on an Environmental Protection Agency hazardous waste site list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

The MND is available for a 30-day public review period beginning March 4, 2016 and ending April 4, 2016. Copies of the document are available for review in the Public Works Department, 100 Civic Center Drive, upstairs in Bay 2D, Newport Beach, CA 92660 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Friday. The document can also be accessed online at: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1347>. Additionally, copies of the document are also available for review at the following City public libraries during regular business hours:

Newport Beach Public Library
Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Newport Beach Public Library
Mariners Branch
1300 Irvine Avenue
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Newport Beach Public Library
Balboa Branch
100 East Balboa Boulevard
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Newport Beach Public Library
Corona del Mar Branch
420 Marigold Avenue
Corona del Mar, CA 92625

Written comments on the proposed project must be received no later than April 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. to the attention of Robert Stein at the address listed below or via email as shown below. Your comments should specifically identify what environmental impacts you believe would result from the project, why they are significant, and what changes or mitigation measures you believe should be adopted to eliminate or reduce these impacts. There is no fee to submit comments. You are also invited to attend and testify at the public hearings as to the appropriateness of this document.

The City of Newport Beach City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider the Proposed MND and proposed project at its April 26, 2016 Council Meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. For additional information, please contact Robert Stein.

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