



**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

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**DATE:** September 10, 2015  
**TO:** Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties  
**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability/Completion of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the County of San Bernardino (County) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which is being distributed for public review pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines). The County of San Bernardino is the Lead Agency for the proposed project.

**Project Title:** Rimforest Storm Drain Project, State Clearinghouse Number: 2015051070

**Project Location:** The proposed project is located in the community of Rimforest, in the San Bernardino Mountains near Lake Arrowhead, approximately six miles north of the City of San Bernardino in the County of San Bernardino, California.

**Project Description:** The County proposes to construct and maintain a series of drainage facilities in the community of Rimforest, to address historic erosion and landsliding problems that have led to significant bluff retreat in southern Rimforest. The rerouting of stormwater flows away from the southern area of Rimforest, which has been most substantially affected by erosion and landslides, is necessary to minimize continued slope movement and reduce hazards to existing property in the area. The purpose and need for the proposed project is to restore stormwater flows away from Strawberry Creek and into Little Bear Creek in order to mediate ongoing erosion and landsliding hazards in southern Rimforest.

Phase 1 of the proposed project would intercept the largest part of runoff to be restored under the proposed project, and result in a 64 percent reduction in runoff into the landslide area. Improvements constructed under this phase would convey mountainside runoff from an area of approximately 51 acres, and deliver this runoff to Little Bear Creek. This phase of the proposed project includes approximately 0.8 miles of flood control improvements, comprised of approximately 0.2 miles of channel/basin and approximately 0.6 miles of pipe culvert and appurtenances. Phase 2 of the proposed project would restore the direction of runoff from 16 acres of the interior portion of the community of Rimforest and result in a 30 percent reduction in runoff into the landslide area. This phase includes installation of a culvert system to direct runoff from Pine Avenue, which runs parallel to the south of SR-18, and under SR-18 to join flows restored by Phase 1 in Little Bear Creek. The Phase 2 culvert system would include street inlets and storm drains within Rimforest to facilitate the routing of flows along Pine Avenue.

Construction of the proposed project would occur over three summer seasons (potentially 2016-2018): Phase 1-Basin Construction: May-September; Phase 1-SR 18 Storm Drain: Following May-August; and Phase 2-Pine Ave. Storm Drain: Undetermined May-July. Operation and maintenance of the proposed project would generally occur at 3-5 year intervals and would include but is not limited to the following activities: Slope stabilization, where necessary to maintain the integrity of flood conveyance facilities; Removal of sediment and vegetation from the retarding basin(s) and channelized sections to maintain capacity; Regular inspection of facilities for wear and damage; Repair of facilities as needed; and Maintenance of vegetated landscape buffers.

**Environmental Topics Evaluated:** The Draft EIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following environmental topics:

- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Public Services
- Traffic and Transportation

In addition, the Draft EIR evaluates two project alternatives that include:

- No Project
- Divert Runoff into Daley Creek Watershed – divert the runoff southerly into a canyon east of Rimforest and south of Highway 18.

**Public Comment Period:** The Draft EIR and its technical studies are available for the CEQA required 45-day public review and comment period from September 10, 2015 through October 26, 2015. Written comments on the Draft EIR and technical studies must be received no later than 5:00 pm on October 26, 2015.

Submit written comments to:

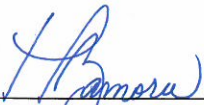
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**Reviewing Locations:** Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the following location: County of San Bernardino Public Works Department, 825 East Third Street, Room 123 San Bernardino, CA 92415. The Draft EIR and Technical Appendices can also be accessed on the County of San Bernardino's website at: [http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/public\\_notices.asp](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/public_notices.asp).

Please include the name, phone number, and address of the appropriate contact person in your response.

Sincerely,



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