



## Flood Control District

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### NOTICE OF EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)/ NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CARBON CANYON CHANNEL FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CHINO HILLS, CALIFORNIA

The San Bernardino County Flood Control District (District) prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the construction and maintenance of flood control improvements to the Carbon Canyon Flood Control Channel in the City of Chino Hills, California, from an existing interim channel to an ultimate condition channel (Project). Maps and a more detailed project description have been previously provided to surrounding properties and affected agencies, but are also available online at [http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/public\\_notices/public\\_notices.asp](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/public_notices/public_notices.asp).

The Project goal is to reduce the risk of flooding during a 100-year storm event by increasing the capacity and conveyance of the District-maintained facility. The site is generally located within an area characterized as urbanized, primarily with single family residences to the north and south of the channel. There is a large Southern California Edison (SCE) right-of-way (ROW) south of the channel, intersecting the channel in two locations. There is a church complex at the west end of the channel (Chino Valley Community Church) as well as a recreational field with irrigated grass and ornamental plants that borders Little Chino Creek. There are commercial uses at the east end near Pipeline Avenue. The Project area covers approximately 4,850 linear feet in length and 150 feet in width where the existing interim channel already exists.

The Draft MND details the Project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the operation and maintenance of the Project; identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures, which avoid, minimize or mitigate these impacts. As provided for by CEQA Section 21064.5, a MND may be prepared for a project subject to CEQA when the project will not result in significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level below significance.

The full Draft MND is available for public review on the District project website at: [http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/public\\_notices/public\\_notices.asp](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/public_notices/public_notices.asp).

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(a)(b), a good faith effort was made during the preparation of this Draft MND to contact affected agencies, organizations, and individuals who may have an interest in this Project. In reviewing the MND and initial study, affected public agencies and the interested public should focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways in which the significant effects on the project area are proposed to be avoided or mitigated. The Draft MND was circulated for public and agency review from May 26, 2020 through June 26, 2020 and the Notice of Availability was published in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin on May 26, 2020. Some nearby property owners inadvertently did not receive the notification and requested that the District grant additional time to review the Draft MND. Therefore, in the spirit of transparency and public inclusion, the District extended the public comment period for the Draft MND to August 31, 2020. In an effort to extend the comment period until after such time as the District is able to hold a public information workshop, the comment period is now hereby extended to September 21, 2020.

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Comments may be made on the Draft MND in writing before the end of the extended comment period. Following the close of the extended public comment period, the District Board of Supervisors will consider the Draft MND and comments thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document. Written comments on the Draft MND should be sent to the address below no later than September 21, 2020. (Please note: due to Covid-19, an e-mail response is preferred. Thank you!)

The County Department of Public Health has advised that large gatherings not be permitted at this time; however, in lieu of a congregate setting workshop, the District will hold a 'drive-through' public workshop with District design engineers, operations staff and planning staff available to provide additional information to local residents about the Project and to answer questions. This drive-through workshop will be held in the parking lot at McCoy Equestrian and Recreational Center, located at 14280 Peyton Drive in the City of Chino Hills (See Attached Figure for map and workshop traffic flow plan) on September 16, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. For the protection of all, attendees are required to remain in their vehicles and wear a face covering for the duration of their attendance at the workshop.

Further information regarding this workshop as well as a PowerPoint or video presentation will be posted at <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/PublicNotices.aspx> as it becomes available. In addition, you may also contact the individual listed below for information on the upcoming workshop.

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The District's Board of Supervisors will consider this document for approval and certification during a future public hearing.

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