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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
 SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
 Channel Maintenance Activities  
 RGP 94 - Channel Maintenance Program Implementation and Renewal Project  
 City File No. ENV 20-0004**

The City of Escondido has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration ("IS.MND") for the project described below. A Mitigated Negative Declaration is prepared when an Initial Study identifies project related impacts that might be potentially significant, but revisions in the project plans and/or mitigation measures agreed to by the applicant would provide mitigation to a point where potential impacts to the environment are reduced to less than a significant level. In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (Section 15163) a Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate to prepare for the proposed project because only minor additions or changes would be necessary to make the previous IS/MND adequate to address impacts associated with the proposed project. The description of the project is as follows:

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City has ongoing needs to effectively perform routine operations and maintenance (O&M) activities for flood control, the management of sediment deposition, and to avoid potential vector control issues at 87 storm water facilities (constructed and natural) at various locations throughout the city. A final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was adopted for the 2013 Channel Maintenance Activities (City File No. ENV 12-0001), and an addendum to the Final IS/MND was prepared and adopted in 2014. The current Channel Maintenance Activities Project RGP 94 expired in May 2020. The project involves extending the existing Regional General Permit (RGP) 94 for the City of Escondido Channel Maintenance Activities project and amending this permit to add an additional 24 facility locations, expand a current facility location (already included in the RGP), as well as include additional work activities. The amended permit would allow the City of Escondido to conduct operations and maintenance activities to occur at a total of 87 existing concrete and earthen storm water facilities/sites (24 new maintenance sites and 63 previously approved maintenance sites that are currently authorized). The proposed project would establish routine maintenance activities to be performed at all facility locations, compensatory mitigation requirements, and general reporting requirements. The goals of the proposed project are to maintain facility locations for long-term sustainability and public safety. Facilities requiring maintenance are located on privately owned parcels or on City easements or rights-of-way. Access to structures for O&M activities generally would be provided from the nearest public roadway.

**LOCATION:** The proposed project would occur at 87 Channel Maintenance Sites throughout the City of Escondido, in the County of San Diego, California.

**APPLICANT:** City of Escondido

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The review and comment period will begin on **October 29, 2020** and end at 5:00 p.m., on **November 30, 2020**. Copies of the Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review in the Escondido Planning Division, at 201 N. Broadway, and also posted on the City of Escondido web site at (Active Development Projects): <https://www.escondido.org/channel-maintenance-activities.aspx>. Further information may be obtained by contacting **Jay Paul at the Planning Division, telephone (760) 839-4537 or email at [jpaul@escondido.org](mailto:jpaul@escondido.org)**. Please refer to Case No. ENV 20-0004. A Zoning Administrator meeting to adopt the final IS/MND has not yet been scheduled. The Zoning Administrator notices and agendas, along with corresponding staff reports are posted on the City's web site at least 72 hours prior to the hearing date, and are available at: <https://www.escondido.org/zoning-administrator.aspx>.

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