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Notice of Completion

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SCH #

Project Title: ENV17-0002 (Emergency Recycled Water Storage Pond Project)
Lead Agency: City of Escondido Planning Division **Contact Person:** Jay Paul, Senior Planner
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City: Escondido **Zip:** 92025 **County:** San Diego

Project Location: Within unincorporated County land adjacent to and within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Escondido, near the northern terminus of Via Sinsonte, east of S. Citrus Ave. and northwest of the State Route SR 78 and Cloverdale Road intersection.
Assessor's Parcel Nos. (APNs 241-041-09, 241-041-10, 241-121-05 and 241-121-02).
Latitude and Longitude Latitude 33°07'00.8"N Longitude 117°01'46.7"W

County: San Diego **City/Nearest Community:** City of Escondido
Cross Streets: Via Sinsonte/Oro Verde Rd. **Zip Code:** 92027 **Total Acres:** Approx. 7.2 total acres
APN Nos.: See above **Section:** 30 and 9 **Twp.:** 12 South **Range:** 1 West **Base:**
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: State Route 78 **Waterways:** San Dieguito River
Airports: N/A **Railways:** N/A **Schools:** Orange Glen High School

Document Type

CEQA: NOP Supplement/Subsequent Early Cons EIR (Prior SCH No.) Neg Dec Draft EIR
NEPA: NOI EA Draft EIS FONSI Other Joint Document Final Document Other

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Local Action Type

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, Parcel Map, etc.) Other Water Storage Pond Project

Development Type Construct new recycled water storage facility

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type Storage Pond MGD 10 MG
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ Watts _____
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Emergency Recycled Water Storage Pond Project

Project Issues Discussed in Document

Aesthetic/Visual Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Agricultural Land Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Air Quality Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Archeological/Historical Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Wildlife
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Landuse
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Cumulative Effects
 Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation Other Hydrology

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Project Sent to the following State Agencies

State Review Began: 8 - 1 - 2019

SCH COMPLIANCE 8 - 30 - 2019

Resources
 Boating & Waterways
 Central Valley Flood Prot.
 Coastal Comm
 Colorado Rvr Bd
 Conservation
 CDFW # 5
 Cal Fire
 Historic Preservation
 Parks & Rec
 Bay Cons & Dev Comm.
 DWR

Cal EPA
 ARB: Airport & Freight
 ARB: Transportation Projects
 ARB: Major Industrial/Energy Resources, Recycl. & Recovery
 SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water
SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr #
 SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist.
 SWRCB: Wtr Quality
 SWRCB: Wtr Rights
 Reg. WQCB # 9
 Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC

Yth/Adlt Corrections
 Corrections
Independent Comm
 Delta Protection Comm
 Delta Stewardship Council
 Energy Commission
 NAHC
 Public Utilities Comm
 Santa Monica Bay Restoration
 State Lands Comm
 Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency
 Conservancy
 Other:

CalSTA
 Aeronautics
 CHP
 Caltrans # 11
 Trans Planning
Other
 Education
 Food & Agriculture
 HCD
 OES
State/Consumer Svcs
 General Services

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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<input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 9
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>San Luis Rey, Rincon and Lipay Nation (Kumeyaay and Luiseño)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>County of San Diego Development and Land Use, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date August 2, 2019 Ending Date September 3, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc.</u>	Applicant: <u>City of Escondido</u>
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City/State/Zip: <u>La Mesa, CA 91942</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Escondido, CA 92025</u>
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Phone: <u>619-462-1515</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: July 31, 2019

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Use

The project site is generally located within the County jurisdiction and generally consists of existing rural land uses on site with several agricultural groves and undeveloped open space. The primary parcels that contains the majority of the project site, as well as all immediately adjacent parcels, has a City General Plan land-use designation of Rural II. The parcel is zoned by the County as Limited Agriculture (A70), with a County General Plan land use designation of Semi-Rural Residential (SR-2). The project site is generally surrounded by semi-rural residential land uses and agricultural uses, similar to the project parcel. The nearest residences to the project site are approximately 140 feet to the east at an elevation of approximately 1,035 feet amsl and approximately 125 feet to the south at an average elevation of 1,000 feet amsl. Areas north of the project site are predominately undeveloped open space and disturbed land. Several residences and agricultural uses are located downslope from the project site to the west and southwest. The nearest downslope habitable structure is a single-family residence approximately 0.25 mile southwest of the project site.

Project Description

The proposed project involves the construction and operation of an emergency recycled water storage pond, which would provide up to ten million gallons of additional emergency storage in the City's recycled water system. The approximately 5.9-acre, five-sided pond would have a varying width between approximately 225 and 308 feet, with a 21.8-foot height to the water surface and 14.4 inches of freeboard. The total project disturbance area is estimated to be 7.2 acres, including the pond site, access road, and temporary construction easement. The emergency storage would be utilized to reduce flows from the City's Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF) during wet weather storm events. As part of the City's Eastern Recycled Water System Project (which is a separate but associated project under the City's larger recycled water project), the Hogback reservoir would be converted to recycled water. The second component of the Eastern Recycled Water System Project would be a new recycled water pipeline, to be extended from the converted Hogback Reservoir along the east and south sides of the proposed emergency storage pond (City File No. ENV16-0007) to provide recycled water to agricultural growers. The proposed project would tie into this new pipeline through a new fill pipe on the east side of the pond with a manual valve that would be opened during heavy storm events when additional storage is needed. The stored recycled water would be utilized for agricultural irrigation and would be emptied through a drain line on the southwestern side of the pond.

The City has opted to construct additional emergency recycled water storage in their wastewater system, which includes the treated effluent from the City's wastewater treatment facility, the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF). This additional emergency storage is part of a requirement by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) that was established to reduce the amount of flow during wet weather storm events. The City has chosen to meet this effluent flow reduction requirement by constructing emergency recycled water storage in the eastern portion of the City's service area. Based on the latest Wastewater Master Plan prepared by Brown & Caldwell (2006), the City needs to provide ten million gallons of additional emergency storage to meet the Board's treated effluent storage requirement. The emergency storage would be utilized to reduce treated effluent flows from the HARRF to the land outfall only during wet weather storm events and only if the flows are exceeding the discharge capacity of the land outfall. Historically, when flows have exceeded the land outfall capacity, the treated effluent would spill to Escondido Creek. In years past, the RWQCB issued the City a temporary emergency live stream discharge permit which allowed the City to discharge tertiary treated recycled water to the creek. The RWQCB has indicated that the temporary permit would not be renewed in the future and has instead required the City to begin the process of developing additional emergency recycled water storage.