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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL, PHASE IV, REACH A PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA guidelines, the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Regional Parks Department has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the proposed construction of an approximately 3.9-mile long section of the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) along the southern bank of the Santa Ana River and local streets within the City of Redlands.

The SART is a regional recreational trail that will eventually connect the mountains to the sea along the Santa Ana River within Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Segments of the trail within San Bernardino County have been approved/constructed in various sections (phases) including Phases I, II, and III. The proposed section of the SART is SART Phase IV, Reach A, in which the trail would begin on the west side of California Street in the City of Redlands and terminate at Orange Street. The trail segments on the river bluffs would consist of a 10-foot wide asphalt/concrete trail and 2-foot graded shoulder on each side of the asphalt/concrete trail. Along the public right-of-way the existing road surface would be widened where possible to accommodate a Class-I bicycle lane. Under existing conditions portions of Pioneer Avenue and San Bernardino Avenue do not have curb and gutter, where possible ultimate curb and gutter would be constructed as part of the proposed Project.

In general, construction activities associated with development of the trail would include: earthwork including excavation and grading; construction of embankments and/or retaining walls; construction of storm drains, headwalls, and slope protection; construction of asphalt concrete dike, curb and gutter; installation of fencing, railing, access gates, trail delineators, and signage; painting of pavement striping and pavement markings; and, construction of appurtenant features.

Equipment staging and borrow/disposal during project construction may potentially occur at: (1) various locations within the disturbed vacant lands on the north side of the river bluff; (2) on disturbed road shoulders and/or street right-of-way on the south side of Alabama Street, northside of Pioneer Avenue; (3) on disturbed road shoulders and/or street right-of-way on the south side of Domestic Avenue; and, (5) on paved road shoulders and/or street right-of-way on the eastside of Texas Street.

The 30-day public comment period for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on January 17, 2020 and closes on February 17, 2020. The document is available for review at the Public Works Department, Environmental Management Division Offices, County of San Bernardino Regional Parks Department Offices, or on the website: <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/Home.aspx>.

Please submit comments by 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2020 to:

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Comments may be made on the draft MND in writing before the end of the comment period. Following the close of the public comment period, the County Board of Supervisors will consider this Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and comments thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document at a public hearing.

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