

**CEQA ND/MND/EIR for Grant Projects
State Water Resources Control Board Environmental Clearance**

Agreement Number: D2112163

Grantee: County of San Diego

County: San Diego

Lead Agency: County of San Diego Department of Public Works

Project Title: Mapleview Street Green Infrastructure and Water Quality Improvement Pilot Project

Project Location (attach map, if applicable): Mapleview Street from Vine Street to Pino Drive within the unincorporated community of Lakeside in San Diego County (Thomas Brothers Guide Page 1232; B-3 to C-2). Map attached below.

Purpose of the Project: Constructing a low impact development storm water runoff management project along Mapleview Street to reduce street flooding, promote infiltration, and reduce pollutant load discharges to the San Diego River.

Project Description: The proposed project would improve storm water quality through implementation of green infrastructure, provide improved conveyance of stormwater flows, retain runoff to reduce the likelihood of flooding, create new sidewalks for pedestrian mobility and safety, and add green spaces.

The Project includes (List major tasks): Install curb and gutter; biofiltration basins; storm drain piping and outlet structure; vegetated bioswales/dispersion areas; cobble-lined swale; landscaping all along Mapleview Street.

Type of CEQA/NEPA Document: IS/ND IS/MND EIR EIR/EIS EIR/EA OTHER

Environmental Documents Included: MND (Board Approved); Aquatic Resources Report; Biological Resources Report; Cultural Resources Report; CEQA Initial Study; Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Findings; OPR Summary Form; Project Maps; Caltrans Comments; Response to Comments; NOD.

List of Permits: Three Right-of-Entry permits for construction within the right-of-way abut property line.

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP): Yes No

Date CEQA document approved by Lead Agency (if applicable): 5/5/2021

Is the Project located in an area that contains traditional tribal lands? Yes No

If yes, was the appropriate California Native American tribe timely notified? Yes No

Statement of Overriding Considerations: Yes No

If Yes, list the impacts: Biological Resources; Geology and Soils

There will be no impacts to water quality:

Less than significant water quality impacts identified in Envir Init Study: X.(a), (c)(i), (c)(iii), (e)

Date NOD filed with OPR: 5/5/2021

Date FONSI or ROD made by NEPA Agency (if applicable): N/A

Mitigation Requirements (if applicable):

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- i. Mitigate for impacts to a sensitive vegetation community – Temporary impacts to 0.82 acres of non-native grassland and permanent impacts to 0.16 acres of non-native grassland will be mitigated at a 0.5:1 ratio consistent with the Biological Mitigation Ordinance. Mitigation can be accomplished through on-site preservation, restoration or creation of non-native grassland (or a biologically equivalent habitat type); or preservation, restoration or creation of non-native grassland (or a biologically equivalent habitat type) offsite within a County habitat preserve. Mitigation could also be accomplished via payment of fees into an authorized private mitigation/conservation bank.

GEOLOGY AND SOILS

ii. Mitigate the potential significant impacts to previously undiscovered paleontological resources to a level below significance –

A monitoring program implemented by the excavation/grading contractor will be required. Equipment operators and others involved in the excavation should watch for fossils during the normal course of their duties. In accordance with the Grading Ordinance, if a fossil or fossil assemblage of greater than twelve inches in any dimension is encountered during excavation, all excavation operations in the area where the fossil or fossil assemblage was found shall be suspended immediately, the Resident Engineer and the County’s Environmental Planning Manager shall be notified, and a Qualified Paleontologist shall be retained by the applicant to inspect the find to determine if it is significant. A Qualified Paleontologist is a person who has:

- A Ph.D. or M.S. or equivalent in paleontology or closely related field (e.g., sedimentary or stratigraphic geology, evolutionary biology, etc.);
- Demonstrated knowledge of southern California paleontology and geology; and
- Documented experience in professional paleontological procedures and techniques.

If the Qualified Paleontologist determines that the fossil or fossil assemblage is significant; a mitigation program involving salvage, cleaning, and curation of the fossil(s) and documentation shall be implemented. If no fossils or fossil assemblages of greater than 12 inches in any dimension are encountered during excavation, a “No Fossils Found” letter will be submitted to the County Department of Public Works identifying who conducted the monitoring and that no fossils were found. If one or more fossils or fossil assemblages are found, the Qualified Paleontologist shall prepare a report documenting the mitigation program, including field and laboratory methodology, location and the geologic and stratigraphic setting, list(s) of collected fossils and their paleontological significance, descriptions of any analyses, conclusions, and references cited.

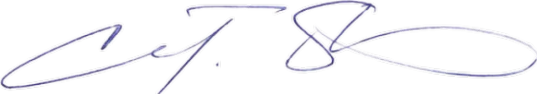
The MND also identifies project design elements that are not technically mitigation measures but essential in the study conclusions and necessary to implement to avoid potentially significant environmental effects. None of the design elements identified relate to water quality impacts. More details can be found in Project’s MND of MMRP.

Findings:

1. County of San Diego is the Lead Agency under CEQA for the Project.
2. Environmental Planning Manager, County of San Diego, filed an NOD with the State Clearinghouse (No. 2020070430) on 5/5/2021
3. State Water Board staff reviewed and considered the environmental documents listed above and determined that the Project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.
4. Are there additional findings? Yes No

If Yes, list the findings:

State Water Board Concurrence:

X 

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Date: 9/19/2022

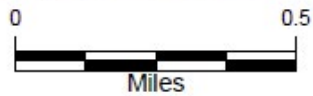
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VICINITY MAP - Mapleview Street Green Streets Project

ATTACHMENT A



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