

CITY OF RIALTO MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Project Title: Rialto Baseline Storm Drain Project

SCH Number: To Be Assigned

Project Location: The proposed project is located at Cactus Basin (just west of Cactus Avenue and Baseline Road) connecting to Baseline Road south of Cactus Basin and traveling west within Baseline Road to just west of Tamarind Avenue within the City of Rialto, CA. The project is located in Section 34 Township 1 North, Range 5 West within the Fontana USGS Topo 7.5-minute series maps with an approximate Lat/Long of 34.124043, -117.388063 at the eastern portion of the project and 34.121298, -117.422797 at the western portion of the project.

Project Description: The City of Rialto desires to upgrade existing drainage infrastructure conditions within Baseline Avenue from Cactus Basin west to Tamarind Avenue. The project consists of installing an approximately 2-mile or 11,000 lineal feet storm drain system within Baseline Road that would capture flows north of Baseline Road. The storm drain line starts at the Tamarind Avenue/Baseline Road intersection and runs along Baseline Road to the outlet at Cactus Basin No. 3. The new storm drain will be developed within a reinforced concrete box that will vary in size between 6' x 12', 7' x 7', and 3' x 10' depending on the location within the new storm drain alignment. The majority of the storm drain footprint (located within Baseline Road) will be constructed as a 84" reinforced concrete pipe, though a portion of the easternmost section of the alignment, which encompasses the section from Baseline Road to Cactus Basin, will vary in size as either a 72", 84", 48", 36", or 30" RCP. Flows leaving Basin No. 3 continue on to Basin 1 and 2 and Rialto Channel, which ultimately discharges to the Santa Ana River. Outflow from the Cactus Basin System are limited due to the poor downstream channel capacities.

Finding: The City of Rialto's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to evaluate the project impacts and has concluded the project will not have any significant negative impacts on the environment upon implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

Initial Study: A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the City based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at City of Rialto, Public Works/Engineering Division (Engineering Counter), 335 W. Rialto Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376. The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study begins September 18, 2020 and ends October 19, 2020. Any interested person or agency may comment on this matter by submitting their written comments before October 19, 2020.

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Initial Study (cont.): Comments should be sent to Savat Khamphou, City of Rialto, Public Works/Engineering Division, 335 W. Rialto Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376. For additional information, Mr. Khamphou may be contacted at (909) 421-7210 or at skhamphou@rialtoca.gov.

Mitigation Measures: All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on pages 64-68 and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted.

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