

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties
From: City of Rancho Palos Verdes Public Works Department
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard
Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275-5391
310-544-5252 or publicworks@rpvca.gov

Subject: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Portuguese Bend Landslide Mitigation Project

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes will be the CEQA Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We need to know the views of you or your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to you or your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project.

Project Title: Portuguese Bend Landslide Mitigation Project

Project Location: Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex Area

Project Description: The Portuguese Bend Landslide began moving in 1956, and continued land movement has resulted in significant infrastructure damage to homes, utilities, and roadways. The Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex (PBLC) is located along the south section of the Palos Verdes Peninsula within the City (Project Site). The terminus of the active landslide complex, and generally the southwest boundary of the PBLC is the Pacific Ocean as seen in **Figure 1, Project Site Location**. The proposed Project involves a series of recommended mitigation measures which follow a phased-approach to construction and installation. The construction is likely to be implemented in stages, which may occur separately. The anticipated construction phasing as follows: (i) surface fracture infilling; (ii) surface water improvements; and (iii) groundwater mitigation improvements. Periodic field observation should be performed during construction under the supervision of the appropriate California registered Engineer. Post-construction items are anticipated to include long-term maintenance, landslide monitoring, and possible future construction phases.

Potential Environmental Effects of the Project: Based on a preliminary review of the proposed Project consistent with section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City has determined that an EIR should be prepared for this proposed Project. In addition, consistent with section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City has identified the following probable environmental effects of the Project, which will be addressed in the EIR for this project:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology / Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology / Water Quality
- Land Use / Planning
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities / Services Systems
- Wildfire

The City has determined that there is not a likelihood of potentially significant effects related to the following environmental topics:

- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Mineral Resources
- Population / Housing
- Public Services

The EIR will include information on the reasons why these effects were determined not to be significant and are therefore not addressed in detail in the EIR.

The detailed project description, location, and potential environmental effects are contained in an Initial Study that is on file with the Public Works Department at City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, and is available for review between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on Friday. Furthermore, the Notice of Preparation of an EIR / Initial Study is available for public review on the City's website at www.rpvca.gov. To access the Initial Study on the City's Website or other information regarding the proposed project, log on to www.rpvca.gov and click on Departments, click on Public Works, then click on Portuguese Bend Landslide Mitigation Work.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION: The City of Rancho Palos Verdes will conduct a special Scoping Meeting held on December 19, 2020, at 12:30 PM. The meeting will be a Hybrid (in-person virtual) Meeting. The purpose of the Scoping Meeting is to solicit oral public comments regarding issues to be addressed in the EIR. The Scoping Meeting will provide information regarding the proposed Project and the anticipated scope of analyses to be contained in the EIR. The City encourages all interested individuals and organizations to attend this hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting. Written comments may be submitted before the Scoping Meeting.

Date: Saturday, December 19, 2020
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: Hesse Park, McTaggart Hall, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. 90275 and via teleconference using the Zoom platform.

THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH SIGNIFICANTLY LIMITED SEATING

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting for Saturday December 19, 2020 will be conducted through a hybrid combination of in-person attendance with not less than three members of the City Council, invited staff, and limited members of the public at Hesse Park McTaggart Hall, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard and via teleconference using the Zoom platform.

To maximize public safety while maintaining transparency and public access, those members of the public wishing to participate in City Council meetings are encouraged to do so in one of the following ways:

1. Virtual Platform (Zoom): If you wish to speak during the meeting, please fill out the online request form at rpvca.gov/participate by 4:00 P.M. on Friday December 18, 2020. Upon successful submission, you will receive an email with further instructions on how to connect to the meeting.

2. Comments: If you simply wish to make a written comment, please submit via email to CC@rpvca.gov or by mail to 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. Comments received by 3:00P.M. on Friday December 18, 2020 will be forwarded to the City Council prior to the meeting for consideration. Otherwise, they will be included as late correspondence the following day.
3. In person at Hesse Park: Members of the public wishing to speak in person may be requested to sign in or complete a speaker's card, available during the meeting, and provide the same to the City Clerk. The City Council may limit the number of individuals in the meeting room at any one time pursuant to guidance from public health officials. Each member of the public must also wear a face covering of the nose and mouth at all times during the course of the meeting unless and until invited to speak at the podium.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at Cityclerk@rpvca.gov or 310-544-5217. Staff will use its best efforts to provide reasonable accommodations to provide as much accessibility as possible while also maintain public safety.

Public Review Period: The City has determined to make this NOP available for public review and comment pursuant to Title 14, section 15082(b) of the California Code of Regulations. The comment period for the NOP begins on November 12, 2020 and ends on January 15, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Any comments provided should identify specific topics of environmental concern and your reason for suggesting the study of these topics in the EIR.

Please direct all written comments or general inquiries to the following address:

City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Public Works Department
Attn: Ron Dragoo, City Engineer
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard
Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275-5391
310-544-5228 or publicworks@rpvca.gov


All written responses will be included as Appendices in the Draft EIR and their contents considered in accordance with State and City environmental guidelines.

Date: November 12, 2020


_____ for Ron Dragoo, City Engineer

Name and Title:



 Project Site Location

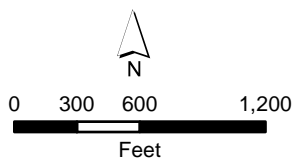


Figure 1
Portuguese Bend Landslide Mitigation
Project Site Location