



CITY OF COVINA NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Covina is considering a recommendation that the Project herein identified will have no significant environmental impact in compliance with Section 15070 of State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. A copy of the **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and the **INITIAL STUDY** which supports the proposed findings are on file at the City of Covina.

DATE OF NOTICE: June 24, 2021

PROJECT TITLE: Wingate Park Regional EWMP Project

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Covina

PROJECT LOCATION: Regionally, the Project is located in the City of Covina within the San Gabriel Valley of Los Angeles County. The surrounding jurisdictions include Duarte, Azusa, and Glendora to the north, San Dimas to the east, West Covina to the south, and Irwindale and Baldwin Park to the west and pockets of Los Angeles County Unincorporated Areas adjacent and within city limits. Locally, the Project site is located within the eastern portion of Wingate Park (formerly Kahler Russell Park), located at 734 North Glendora Avenue in the northeast portion of Covina. Wingate Park consists of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 8428-015-902 and 8428-023-901. The eastern portion of Wingate Park is located west of the intersection of North Glendora Avenue and East Colver Place. The western portion of Wingate Park is located east of North Grand Avenue. Specifically, the Project is comprised of a 1.65-acre underground infiltration gallery in the location of Wingate Park's existing eastern parking lot along North Glendora Avenue and a grass playing field adjacent to the parking lot and associated underground facilities and infrastructure located south of the parking lot (Project Site).

The Project Site is located within Wingate Park, a City owned 17-acre regional park developed in 1986. Recreational amenities and features of Wingate Park include one regulation-size lighted roller hockey rink, basketball courts, one tennis court, one paddle ball court, grass playing fields designated for football, soccer, and baseball, two playground areas designated for children aged 5 through 12, a natural trail with two bridges, walkways, picnic tables, restroom facilities and storage area, a composting area, and two parking lots located along North Glendora Avenue and North Grand Avenue. Wingate Park provides facilities for Kare Youth League (year round), American Youth Soccer Organization (A.Y.S.O.), and various community youth sports groups. These facilities are comprised of an office and grass playing fields for football, soccer, and baseball. Wingate Park is located adjacent to the natural Charter Oak Creek, a soft bottom channel, along the southern property line.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project will capture, treat, and infiltrate an average of approximately 658 AF of urban runoff and stormwater from various land uses within the cities of Covina (35 percent), Glendora (20 percent) and San Dimas (11 percent), as well as the surrounding unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County (34 percent). Capture, treatment, and infiltration of runoff and stormwater allows this water to contribute to groundwater recharge and replenishment to local aquifers that are used as sources of water to offset water transported from more distant resources. The Project will divert runoff from Charter Oak Wash, just downstream of the 69-inch reinforced concrete pipe and 6-foot by 6-foot (6'x 6') double reinforced concrete box storm drain confluence, into a 36-inch diameter pipe from the storm drain to a pretreatment device to remove pollutants, sediment, and trash debris, with flow entering an underground infiltration gallery via gravity. The proposed diversion structure will be located within the channel to capture runoff conveyed by the existing drainage system. Once stormwater fills the chamber, flows will continue as they do under existing conditions down the Charter Oak Wash located on the southern portion of Wingate Park during a storm. The analysis within the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration makes the assumption that the Project would be designed and constructed to allow the necessary amount of dry-weather runoff to bypass the proposed diversion structure to be located within the channel in order to sustain the existing level of habitat and vegetation located within and along Charter Oak Creek. Overall, the Project design will be based on the site configuration, priority pollutants, and infiltration rate. Sizing will be optimized to improve water quality within the available space.

CEQA DETERMINATION: In accordance with CEQA, the City of Covina has completed an Initial Study to determine whether the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Initial Study, which

reflects the independent judgment of the City, concludes that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The City has therefore prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration, to be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council. Pursuant to Section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Project Site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW: The public review and comment period for the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is from June 24, 2021, to July 23, 2021 (comment letters must be received by 5:00 pm on July 23, 2021). The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study will be available for public review at the City of Covina Planning Division – 125 E. College Street, Covina, California 91723 and at <https://www.covinaca.gov/publicworks/page/wingate-ceqa>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: All comments must be addressed to *Sharon Gallant, Environmental Services Manager, City of Covina Public Works Department, 125 E. College Street, Covina, California 91723* or sent via email to sgallant@covinaca.gov. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact Sharon Gallant of the City of Covina at (626) 384-5484 or sgallant@covinaca.gov.


Signature


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