



## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the Bubbling Springs Natural Channel Vegetation Removal Project**

**DATE:** February 25, 2022

**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Port Hueneme

**PROJECT TITLE:** Bubbling Springs Natural Channel Vegetation Removal Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Port Hueneme (City) has prepared a Draft Initial Study-Negative Declaration (IS-ND) for the project listed above pursuant to the *State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-ND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from Wednesday, February 25, 2022, through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022.

### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

The project site consists of the Bubbling Springs Natural Channel within the Bubbling Springs Recreation Greenbelt between Bard Road and the J Street Pump Station in Port Hueneme (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). The project site traverses the following 23 parcels: 231-005-121, 231-005-122, 233-001-004, 207-029-019, 207-028-072, 207-028-069, 207-025-003, 207-025-009, 207-020-214, 207-020-219, 207-020-217, 207-018-314, 207-018-309, 207-018-307, 207-018-305, 207-018-303, 207-018-301, 207-018-139, 207-014-154, 207-014-329, 207-001-009, 207-001-001, and 207-008-101. The project site is primarily zoned P-R (Park Reserve) with two parcels zoned as R-2 (Limited Multi-Family). No hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present on the project site.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project consists of periodic vegetation removal from the Bubbling Springs Natural Channel's bed and banks for approximately 40 workdays each year. The majority of the vegetation to be removed consists of cattails (*Typha angustifolia* and *T. latifolia*) and bulrush (*Schoenoplectus californicus*) that have grown to heights of 10 feet or more with a density that spans the full width of the natural channel. Following initial vegetation removal, the City and its labor crews would periodically remove plant material within the bed and banks of the channel, either quarterly, semiannually, or in anticipation of storm events depending on growth patterns of the cattails and bulrush plants. Additional maintenance would be conducted on an as-needed basis to prevent the reestablishment of in-channel vegetation that could affect channel capacity. Vegetation removed from within the channel would be placed in the linear park adjacent to the work area, where it would be allowed to dry in preparation for disposal by a local vendor. Vegetation removal would be conducted with both mechanized and hand equipment. No excavation of channel materials or use of herbicides is proposed. No tree, shrub, or woody vegetation is anticipated to be removed.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the project. Based upon the Initial Study, no significant or potentially significant impact to any environmental issue areas pursuant to CEQA would occur, and no mitigation is proposed for the project. Due to this assessment, a Negative Declaration has been prepared.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:**

In accordance with Section 15073 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, the Draft IS-ND is available for public review for 30 days from February 25, 2022, through March 28, 2022 at:

- City of Port Hueneme Website (<https://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/documentcenter>)



- City of Port Hueneme City Hall (250 North Ventura Road, Port Hueneme, CA 93041) during normal business hours
- Ray D. Prueter Library (510 Park Ave, Port Hueneme, CA 93041) during normal business hours

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2022. Please address comments to:

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Principal Engineer  
250 North Ventura Road  
Port Hueneme, CA 93041

or by email to: [CCable@ci.port-hueneme.ca.us](mailto:CCable@ci.port-hueneme.ca.us)

In addition, written and oral comments on the Draft IS/ND will be taken at a Port Hueneme City Council Meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted via video conference. The meeting agenda, including information on how to access the meeting, can be found on the Port Hueneme City Council website: <https://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/27/City-Council>. Please check the agenda prior to the meeting to confirm the hearing date and attendance details.

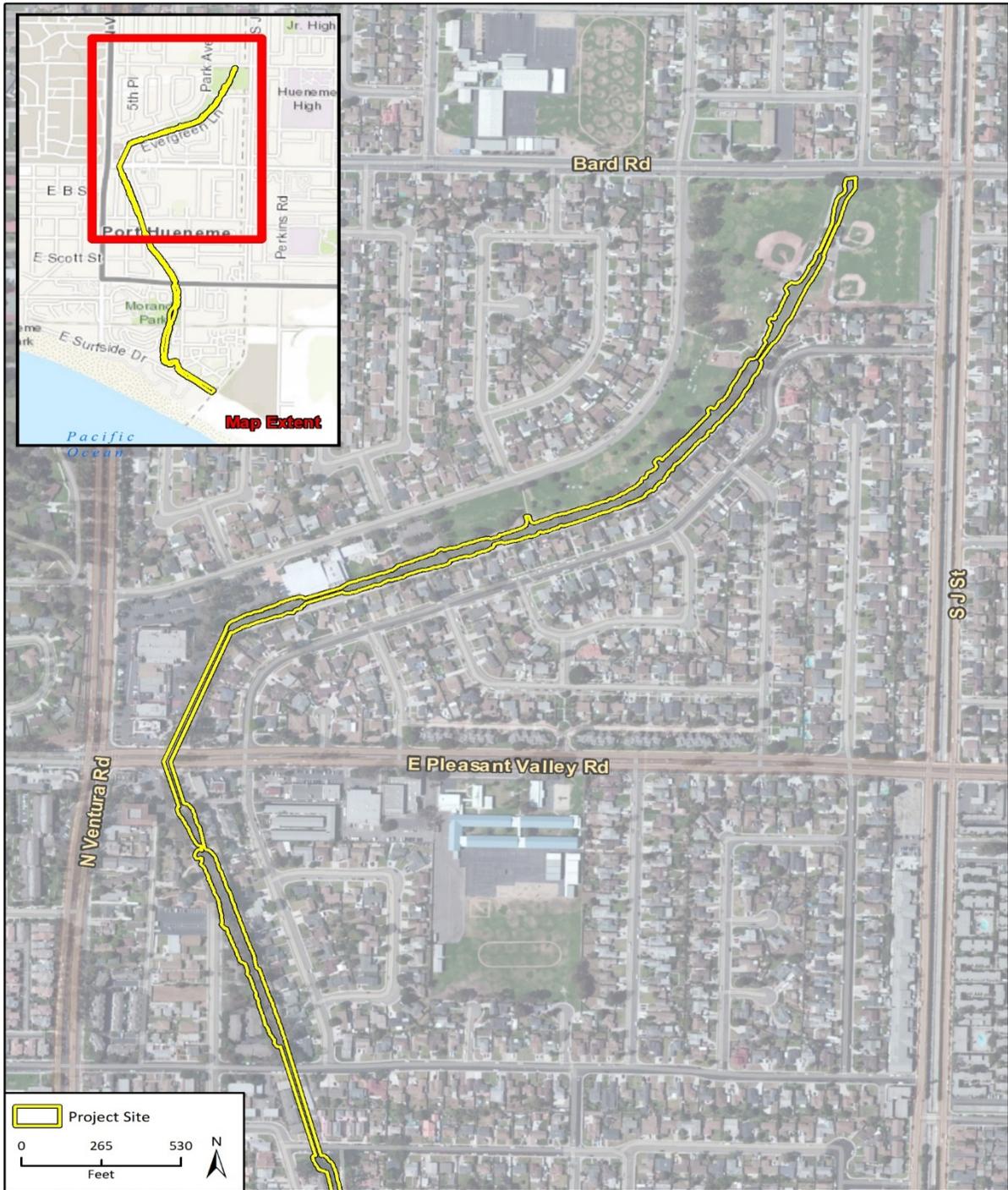
Dated: February 25, 2022

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Charles Cable  
Principal Engineer



Figure 1 Project Site Location, North

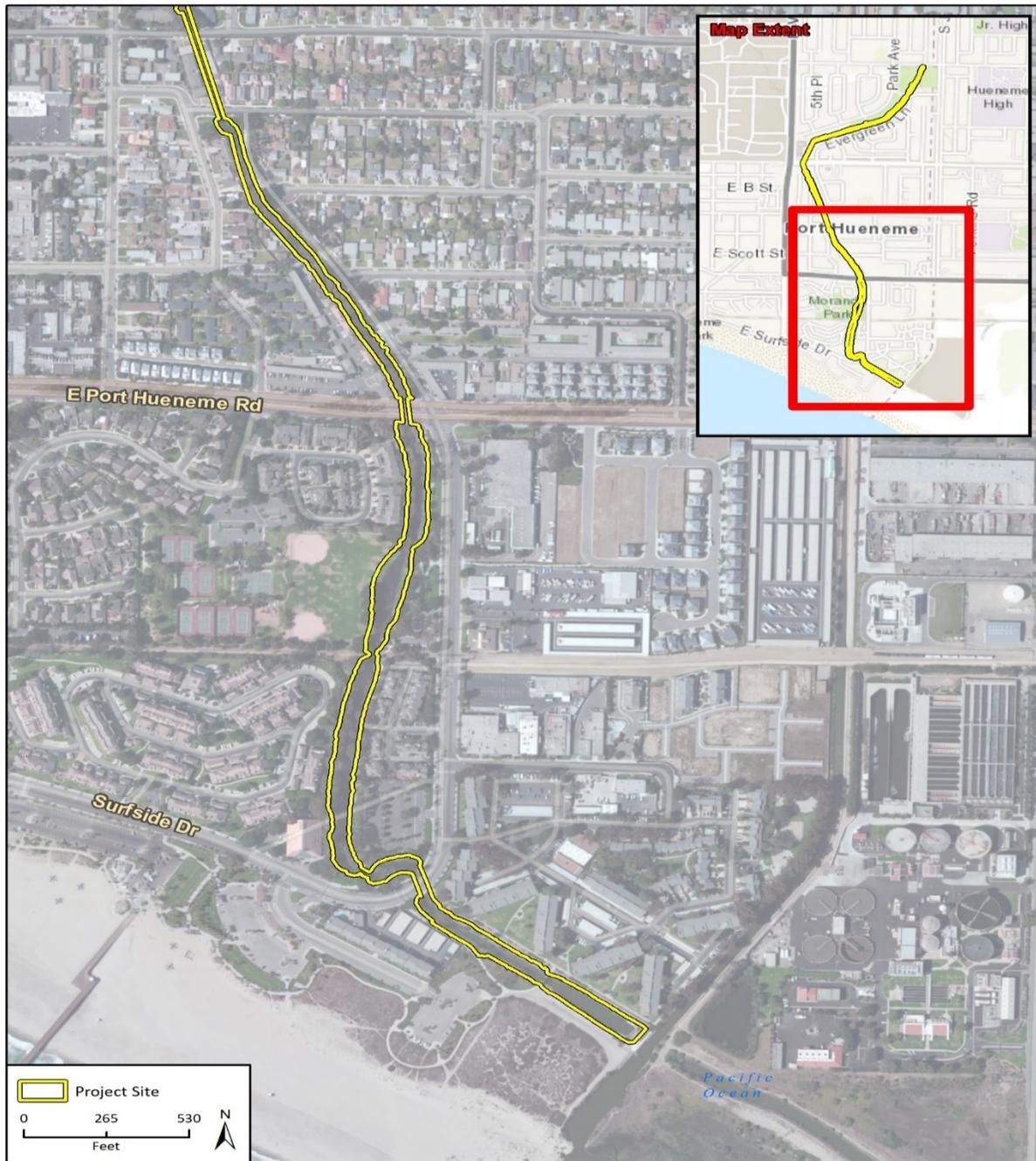


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Fig Xa Project Site Location



Figure 2 Project Site Location, South



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Fig Xb Project Site Location