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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION August 2, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the following locations: Lakeside Branch Library, 9839 Vine Street, Lakeside, CA 92040; County Department of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Services Unit - 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, California, 92123; and online at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/envrnsvcs.html>.

Los Coches Low Flow Urban Runoff Diversion to Sewer Project

The project is located on Los Coches Road between Via Diego and Ha Hana Road in the unincorporated community of Lakeside in San Diego County. An existing 30-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) is located under Los Coches Road, which collects storm water runoff and discharges into a reinforced concrete triple box (RCB) culvert at Los Coches Creek. During the dry season, runoff from irrigation and other urban sources flows into the 30-inch RCP without receiving water quality treatment. The proposed Los Coches Low Flow Urban Runoff Diversion to Sewer Project would capture and divert dry weather flows to an existing County sewer line using a gravity flow system allowing the runoff water to be treated.

The goal of the project is to improve water quality by reducing the non-storm water flows from entering the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) within the County road right-of-way. Specifically, the project consists of installing a debris separating baffle box (DSBB) underneath Los Coches Road. As water passes through the DSBB, dry weather flows would be diverted to an existing sewer line where it would be routed for treatment. However, if the water flow rate exceeds five gallons per minute (i.e., during a moderate to heavy rain event), the stormwater would exit the DSBB through a new 36-inch RCP, which would outlet into Los Coches Creek. To facilitate proper drainage, an existing headwall at Los Coches Creek would be replaced to accommodate the new 36-inch RCP. Erosion control would be implemented in the disturbed area of the headwall and existing vegetation would be replaced in kind after construction of the new headwall is complete. Post-construction erosion control would include the installation of an energy dissipater (rip rap) as a best management practice (BMP) at the outlet of the new storm drainpipe that enters Los Coches Creek. Additional improvements would be made to the existing sidewalk, curb, gutter, and road surface. An island median would also be installed on Via Diego to properly direct traffic entering Los Coches Road. Lastly, existing utilities that are located within Via Diego and Los Coches Road, which conflict with the proposed system, would be relocated as part of the project.

Future maintenance of the proposed gravity flow system would be accessed within the County's right-of-way for Los Coches Road and Via Diego with parking of maintenance vehicles along the roadways. Traffic control may be needed during routine maintenance; therefore, an Operations and Maintenance Plan (O&M), and Traffic Control Plan would be developed for ongoing maintenance as well as for construction activities. No road closures or night work will occur during construction activities. Lanes on Los Coches Road and Via Diego will remain open with traffic controls in place. The project's construction duration is estimated to be approximately three (3) months.

The 30-day public review period runs from **August 2, 2022, to August 31, 2022**. Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than August 31, 2022. Comments must be submitted to Kimberly Jones by e-mail at Kimberly.Jones@sdcounty.ca.gov or by mail at 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, Mail Stop O-332, San Diego, CA 92123.



 Project Boundary

