
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 28, 2024

Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report

To: The State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies/Interested Organizations and Persons

From: Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Subject: Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed OC Reclamation Inert Waste Disposal Operation (State Clearinghouse No. 2022120035)

Purpose of the Notice of Preparation: The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to fulfill legal notification requirements to inform the public and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Responsible and Trustee Agencies that an Environmental Impact (EIR) is being prepared for the proposed OC Reclamation Inert Debris Engineered Fill Operation (Project) per Title 14, Section 17388.3 of the California Code of Regulations. The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) is reviewing an application for a waste discharge requirement (WDR) for impacts to waters of the state and will serve as the Lead Agency under CEQA and will be responsible for the preparation of an EIR for the Project. The EIR will evaluate the potential significant environmental impacts that may result from the Project. This NOP requests your comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that should be included in the EIR in connection with the proposed Project.

Project Description: The proposed Project is within an existing former sand and gravel excavation quarry. The 15-acre site is located at 5341 East Santiago Canyon Road in the City of Orange (Latitude 33° 48' 43.27" N; Longitude -117° 47' 49.90" W). The Project proposes to regrade the existing sand and gravel mining pit, by conducting fill operations using inert debris, such as rock, sand, gravel, uncontaminated concrete, glass, brick, ceramics, clay products, etc. by operating the site as an Inert Debris Engineered Fill Operation (IDEFO). Once the IDEFO is filled to the surface grade i.e., elevation of adjacent parcels, the IDEFO will be closed with a cover. These activities, which are collectively referred to as the Project, will be conducted in two phases to be completed over approximately 4.5 years.

Potential Environmental Impacts: Based on the findings of the initial study posted on [CEQAnet](#), the following impacts shall be addressed in the EIR: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, Transportation, and Public Services (school).

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b), your comments regarding the scope of the EIR should be submitted by June 27, 2024.

Written comments can be submitted to Claudia Tenorio at Claudia.Tenorio@waterboards.ca.gov. Hand deliveries and mailed comments should be sent to the address below:

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Figure 1 – Project Vicinity Map

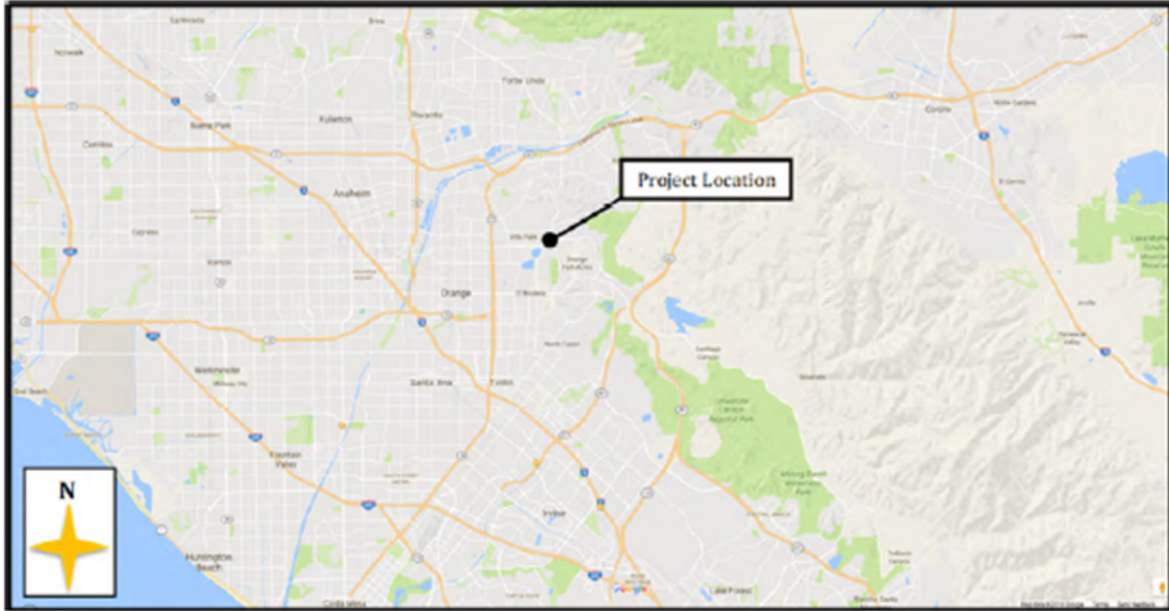


Figure 2 – Project Site

