

January 25, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

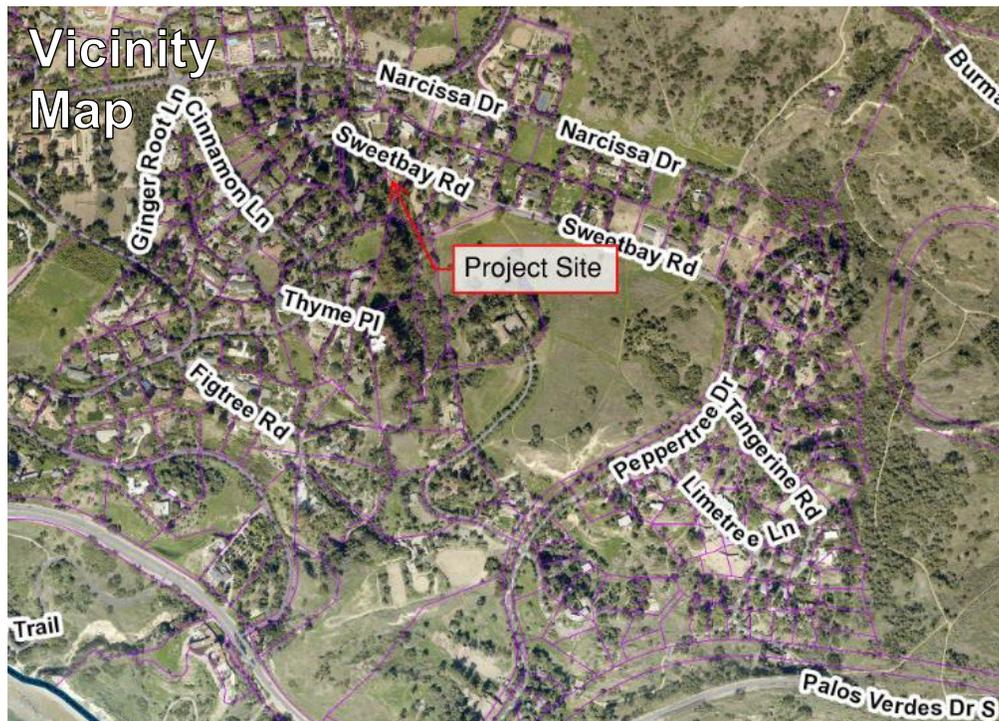
The City of Rancho Palos Verdes (City) hereby gives notice to all responsible agencies and interested parties that the City, as the Lead Agency, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project identified below. The IS/MND indicates that the proposed project would ***not*** result in significant environmental impacts with the incorporation of the proposed Mitigation Measures.

Project Title: Altamira Canyon Creek Restoration Project

Project Sponsor/Location: City of Rancho Palos Verdes, Los Angeles County

Due Date for Public Comments on the IS/MND: February 24, 2023 at 4:30 P.M.

Project Location: 25 Sweetbay Road and 26 Sweetbay Road, APN 7572-013-017, 7572-013-015, and 7572-011-025, City of Rancho Palos Verdes, County of Los Angeles



Project Description: In 2015, due to approximately two decades of severe erosion of the embankments of Altamira Canyon Creek resulting from high storm flows within the creek itself and adjacent drainages, the property owner of 25 Sweetbay Road installed gabion baskets along the eastern bank of Altamira Canyon Creek and along the northern bank of an unnamed drainage. The purpose of installing these structures was to prevent further loss of property and protect the animals in the equestrian facilities immediately abutting the drainages. These rock-filled, wire mesh baskets, along with concrete footings, armored the eroding eastern bank and served to protect the bank from further high flow events. The gabions were installed without proper permits from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB). Subsequently, after site visits by the USACE and LARWQCB, a notice of violation for failure to obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification was issued. The property owner was directed to conduct required biological and engineering studies to support the regulatory permitting process.

In response to the notice of violation, the Project would involve the following:

- Most of the existing gabion baskets and foundation, grout, and grouted stones that were installed as part of the existing creek embankment protection would be removed. Approximately 100 linear feet of the existing gabion wall and foundations would be removed.
- Exposed channel bank would be restored to a 2:1 slope.
- Any channel protection within the Project Site would be removed and restored.
- Any surface slumps within the Project Site would be repaired.
- A section of the slope would be reinforced with erosion control mats and riprap and earthen fill over the riprap.
- Areas along the slope would undergo habitat restoration, while other areas within the creek channel would be left in place. The habitat restoration would be implemented in accordance with the Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) specifically prepared for the Project.

The area within Altamira Canyon Creek and the embankments that would be disturbed would be limited to approximately 4,192 square feet and would involve approximately 748 cubic yards of earthen cut, approximately 195 cubic yards of gabion removal, approximately 92 cubic yards of earthen fill, and approximately 679 cubic yards of rock riprap fill.

COMMENT PERIOD: The Community Development Department welcomes and will consider all comments regarding the potential environmental impacts of the project as addressed in the IS/MND. The 30-day review period of the proposed IS/MND begins on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023, and ends on Friday, February 24, 2023.** Please send written comments to Amy Seeraty, Senior Planner at amys@rpvca.gov or at the address below, on or before **February 24, 2023, at 4:30 P.M.** Please note that written materials, including emails, submitted to the City are public records and may be posted on the

City's website. Accordingly, you may wish to omit personal information from your written materials as it may become part of the public record.

A copy of all relevant materials are on file in the offices of the **Community Development Department, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275**, and are available for review upon request. A copy of the IS/MND and the associated plans and materials are available on the City's project website: <https://www.rpvca.gov/1586/Altamira-Canyon-Creek-Restoration-Projec>. To receive a copy of the Initial Study or for additional information regarding the proposed creek restoration project (remedial grading), please contact Senior Planner, Amy Seeraty at (310) 544-5231 or via e-mail at amys@rpvca.gov.



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Octavio Silva
Interim Director of Community Development

Date