

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform any responsible agencies, interested parties, and organizations that the City of La Cañada Flintridge (City) has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the **Flint Canyon Wash Trail Restoration Project**.

Project Location: The project site is located within the boundaries of the cities of La Cañada Flintridge and Pasadena along the Flint Canyon Trail. The Flint Canyon Trail is a 2.4 mile-long trail running through the Flintridge area of the City, connecting Hahamongna Watershed Park (formerly Oak Grove Park) located in the City of Pasadena on the east. The project site is generally located south of Berkshire Place, east of Berkshire Avenue, and west of Interstate-210.

Project Description: The Proposed Project would improve a 1,000-foot section of the 2.4-mile-long Flint Canyon Wash Trail. Improvements include the installation of gabions, which are steel wire mesh cages filled with rip-rap (large rock aggregate). The Proposed Project would install 3-foot by 3-foot gabions on the downslope of the unprotected bank. The purpose of the gabion wall is to stabilize the slope and to inhibit stream flows from eroding and undercutting the slope supporting the Flint Canyon Trail. In addition to the gabions, soil nails would be used to stabilize the embankment. The soil nails would be placed in a grid-like pattern along the length and height of the wall, inserted laterally into the slope. The gabions would be placed in front of the soil nails, facing the wash, for erosion protection. The Proposed Project would also include the installation of five erosion monitoring stations at key points along the stream where high velocity flows occur. These stations would help the City identify future problem areas that could affect the stability and safety of the Flint Canyon Trail.

In addition to stabilizing and protecting the slope supporting the Flint Canyon Trail, the Proposed Project would enhance natural habitat adjacent to the trail. A biological restoration plan is being prepared for the Proposed Project and will be included with the final engineering plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E). Habitat enhancement would include removal of non-native vegetation and may include planting of native vegetation. The biological restoration plan will include a maintenance, monitoring, and reporting component for a 120-day Plant Establishment Period (PEP) and for five years following the end of the 120-day PEP.

Temporary staging for construction would be along the trail just south of the proposed improvements. Two other potential temporary staging areas also include a portion of the parking lot of the La Cañada United Methodist Church and an adjacent dirt lot located south of Berkshire Place and east of the westbound Interstate-210 off-ramp at Berkshire Place. The Proposed Project is funded by a Proposition 68 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Grant.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: No potentially significant impacts to resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review Period: In compliance with CEQA, the City has established a 45-day public review period beginning March 16, 2023 to solicit comments and input on the Draft IS/MND. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all

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interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND should be submitted no later than May 1, 2023 to:

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Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the following location:

City of La Cañada Flintridge
One Civic Center Drive
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The Draft IS/MND is also available online at: <https://cityoflcf.org/public-hearings-and-legal-notice/>