

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: _____
 Lead Agency: _____ Contact Person: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Project Location: County: _____ City/Nearest Community: _____
 Cross Streets: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____° _____' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: _____
 Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____
 Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR	NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR	<input type="checkbox"/> EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Document
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Local Action Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Prezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element	<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Development Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____	

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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Flint Canyon Wash Trail Restoration Project Notice of Completion Attachment A

Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 5821-020-007, 5821-020-900, 5821-020-008, 5821-020-010, 5821-020-011, and 5821-020-902

Schools: Hillside School and Learning Center, La Cañada High School, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Crestview Preparatory School, St. Francis High School, Jackson Elementary School, John Muir High School

Project Description:

Project Background

The two-mile long Flint Canyon Trail connects the Hahamongna Watershed Park with trails in Cherry Canyon and the City of Glendale to the west. The trail also connects to the Arroyo Seco Trail, which in turn connects northward to the Gabrielino Trail in the Angeles Forest. The Flint Canyon Trail is used by hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists which allows them access to enter 40 acres of Cherry Canyon, which is owned by the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

The section of trail that runs along the lower portion of Flint Wash between Berkshire Place and Oak Grove Drive has experienced significant erosion problems. In particular, an approximately 800-foot-long section of trail that runs just south of Interstate-210 along the north side (left bank, looking downstream) of the channel has experienced problems both from upslope erosion, undercutting of the creek banks, and severe rainstorms and runoff from the Flint Wash located below the trail.

In 2009, the City completed extensive repairs with grant funds to the upslope of the Flint Canyon Trail which has also experienced significant erosion. Although the upslope was repaired, the downslope has continued to erode over time. The City recently conducted repairs to some areas of the downslope; however, a long-term solution must be implemented. Otherwise, the ongoing erosion will compromise the entire slope and the extensive upslope repairs completed by the City.

Project Objectives

The objectives of the Proposed Project include:

- Build a permanent stabilization system to protect the slope and trail
- Maintain safe trail access for the public
- Enhance the natural habitat adjacent to the trail

Project Characteristics

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. These stations would require rebar to be driven horizontally into the slope. The City would measure over time the length of exposed rebar, which would help gauge the extent of erosion that is occurring.

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) submittal. 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.