

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Hicks Canyon Wash Improvements Project (CIP 381901)**



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Irvine is considering a recommendation that the project herein identified will have no significant environmental impact in compliance with Sections 21092, 21092.3, and 315070 of State of California, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the **PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and INITIAL STUDY**, which support the proposed findings are on file at the City of Irvine.

Project Title: Hicks Canyon Wash Improvements Project (CIP 381901)

Lead Agency: City of Irvine, Public Works Department, 1 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 19575, Irvine, CA 92623-9575

Applicant: City of Irvine, Public Works Department, 1 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 19575, Irvine, CA 92623-9575

Project Location: Hicks Canyon Wash corridor from Culver Drive to 1,650 feet east of Yale Avenue, south of Meadowood, and north of Irvine Boulevard

Project Description: The City of Irvine proposes the Hicks Canyon Wash Improvements Project (project) to maintain, regrade, and landscape the channel slopes through Hicks Canyon Wash in compliance with 100-year flow management practices in order to prevent further erosion of the channel, stabilize the channel banks, and protect adjacent residential properties along the southern edge of the channel. Channel banks would be cleared of vegetation, graded, and stabilized with native vegetation. The project would also extend five existing storm drains to connect to an existing 120-inch diameter pipe.

**Public Review Period:
Begins: August 24, 2023 Ends: September 27, 2023**

Info Available: The **Draft Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration** are available for your review at the City's website at: <https://www.cityofirvine.org/public-works-transportation-department/current-environmental-reviews>

Environmental Impact: Mitigation Measures have been included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects in the following areas:

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils (Paleontological Resources)
- Land Use and Planning
- Tribal Cultural Resources

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Comments: In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines for implementing CEQA, any written comments concerning the findings of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by the City of Irvine no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 27, 2023, in order to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this 30-day public review period. Please send your comments to Uyenly Bui, Senior Civil Engineer, via mail to Uyenly Bui, City of Irvine Public Works Department, 1 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 19575, Irvine, CA 92623-9575 or via email to uyenlybui@cityofirvine.org.

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