



CITY OF PALM DESERT
NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Haystack Stormwater Channel Rehabilitation Project
Project No. CDR00003

LEAD AGENCY: City of Palm Desert
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PROJECT TITLE: Haystack Stormwater Channel Rehabilitation Project

PROJECT LOCATION: East of State Highway 74, west of Portola Avenue, immediately north of Haystack Road.
APNs: 630-025-050 & 052; 630-190- 051 & 054; 628-290-013
Portion of the SE ¼ of Section 30, portion of S ½ of Section 29,
Township 5 South, Range 6 East, San Bernardino Baseline and
Meridian

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Haystack Channel has been in place for several decades and was constructed to intercept north-flowing tributary flows crossing Haystack Road and to convey them to the Portola Avenue culvert and into a series of golf course drainage system systems farther east. The Project proposes approximately one mile of improvements to rehabilitate the portion of the channel extending from Alamo Drive eastward to the Portola Avenue culvert. These improvements are intended to capture and convey nuisance water to drains located between Alamo Drive and Heliotrope Drive, to optimize the hydraulic capacity of the culverts crossing under Alamo Drive, Heliotrope Drive, and Portola Avenue, as well to remediate diminished channel capacity and protect storm drain outlets east of Heliotrope Drive.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City has conducted an Initial Study for this Project which analyzes the potential impacts it may have on the environment. The result of this study shows that any potentially significant impacts of the Project on the environment be mitigated to a less-than-significant level and a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for this Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30-day public review period for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence at 8:00 a.m. on September 25, 2023, and end on October 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received at the above address within the public review period. In addition, you may email comments to the following address: nmelloni@palmdesert.gov. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the above address and on the City's website at <https://www.palmdesert.gov/departments/planning/projects>.

PUBLIC MEETING: This matter has been tentatively set for public hearing before the Palm Desert City Council on October 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert.