

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for the Skylinks Regional Stormwater Capture Project**

This serves as the City of Long Beach’s Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Skylinks Regional Stormwater Capture Project, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

- Name of Project:* Skylinks Regional Stormwater Capture Project
- Project Location:* The project site is located at 3559 1/2 Clark Avenue in Long Beach, California (portion of Assessor’s Parcel Number: 7149-005-902).
- Lead Agency:* City of Long Beach Department of Public Works, 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor, Long Beach, California 90802
- Project Description:* The proposed project would be to construct a regional stormwater capture and filtration facility located beneath a 1.6-acre undeveloped area at the northeast corner of the Skylinks Golf Course in the City of Long Beach. Currently, stormwater flow adjacent to the project site travels down the existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District improved Los Cerritos Channel (also known in this area as Wardlow Channel) and bypasses the project site. The proposed project would intercept storm flows in the channel and divert them to an underground storage basin. From there, the flows would either be pumped up to vegetated storage ponds or be allowed to infiltrate the soil to recharge the groundwater. Excess water from the ponds would flow back into the Los Cerritos Channel. Once the underground structures are installed, the project site would be landscaped with native trees and shrubs, and would include paths made up of decomposed granite, benches, an interpretive signage, and a relocated volleyball court. There would also be vegetated swales and bioswales strategically placed through the constructed vegetated storage ponds to promote enhanced natural treatment mechanisms to dry weather flows. The project would include a publicly accessible pedestrian pathway along the flood control channel and usable space within the current open and undeveloped area for educational purposes.

Discretionary approvals for the proposed project include CEQA Clearance.

The project is not located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the project’s potential significant adverse impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City. Copies of the Initial Study, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting materials are available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Long Beach, Community Development Department, 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 2nd Floor Permit Center, Long Beach, California 90802;
- Billie Jean King Main Library, 200 W Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802;
- Ruth Bach Public Library, 4055 N Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90808; and
- City of Long Beach website at: <https://www.longbeach.gov/lbcd/planning/environmental/reports/>

For questions regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration contact:

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*Public Review Period: **Begins – March 18, 2024** **Ends – April 17, 2024***

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties, including members of the public, must submit any comments in response to this notice no later than April 17, 2024 at 4:30pm. The City will accept written comments only during the aforementioned public review period. Comments must be submitted via letter or email to the contact below. Comments made via other means, including social media, or delivered to other recipients, will not be accepted or considered. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your written comments to Tammy Takigawa, Civil Engineer, Public Works Department with the City of Long Beach at the address above, or by e-mail at: stormwater@longbeach.gov.