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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PINE VIEW DRIVE BLUE WATER CHANNEL PROJECT BIG BEAR CITY, CALIFORNIA

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works (County) has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the construction and maintenance of flood control improvements to the Pine View Drive Blue Water Channel Project and pavement rehabilitation (Proposed Project) in the Community of Big Bear City, California (See attached Figure 1). The Proposed Project is located in a primarily residential area. Surrounding land uses include the Big Bear City Airport, roadways, general commercial uses, storage yards, and residential uses.

Pine View Drive is currently an asphalt paved road with dirt shoulders that trend north-south. Surface drainage is by sheet flow to an existing swale located along the east side of Pine View Drive and is directed to the Bluewater Channel. The channel configuration is bounded by the airport taxiway to the north, and the residences and channel retaining wall to the south. The existing channel slopes are very mild. Currently, the existing culvert at Division Drive, consisting of four corrugated metal arch pipes, restricts the through capacity of the Bluewater Channel. The existing culvert group is estimated to have a capacity of approximately 800 cubic feet per second (cfs) before overtopping of the roadway begins to occur. This capacity restriction causes a backwatering effect in the channel, causing the water surface elevation during larger storms to rise to residential structure pad elevations to the south and to flood the taxiway.

The Proposed Project will increase the hydraulic capacity of the Blue Water channel on the south side of Big Bear City Airport from Division Drive to Valley Boulevard. The channel bottom will be widened, and side slopes will be concreted. The channel bottom will vary from earthen to concrete as appropriate. Pavement rehabilitation will occur on Pine View Drive, and the portion of Pine View Drive from Aeroplane Boulevard to Country Club Boulevard will be repaved (previously paved but deteriorated down to dirt/gravel).

Grading for the Proposed Project would involve approximately 13,000 cubic yards (CY) of cut, on-site fill of approximately 930 CY, and an import of aggregate base materials of approximately 360 CY.

Final material staging areas would be determined by the Contractor and cleared by the County, however, the following areas would likely be impacted:

- Fairway Boulevard between Pine View Drive and Kiener Drive
- The airport / south plane parking stalls.
- County parcels that extend the north-south roads to the south of Fairway Boulevard

The construction schedule is estimated to be approximately 8 months and is anticipated to occur from January 2025 to July 2025.

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The Draft MND details the Proposed Project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the operation and maintenance of the proposed project; identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures, which avoid, minimize or mitigate these impacts. As provided for by CEQA Section 21064.5, a MND may be prepared for a project subject to CEQA when the project will not result in significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level below significance.

The draft MND is available for public review on the County project website: <https://dpw.sbcounty.gov/#notices> additionally, copies of the draft MND are also available at the County office listed below.

In accordance with CEQA, a good faith effort has been made during the preparation of this draft MND to contact affected agencies, organizations, and individuals who may have an interest in this project. In reviewing the MND, affected public agencies and the interested public should focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways in which the significant effects on the project area are proposed to be avoided or mitigated.

Comments may be made on the draft MND in writing before the end of the comment period. Following the close of the public comment period, the County Board of Supervisors will consider this MND and comments received thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document. Written comments on the draft MND should be sent to the following address no later than August 3, 2024.

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San Bernardino County's Board of Supervisors will consider this document for approval and certification during a future public hearing.