



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE NORTH COAST INTERCEPTOR REACH 5 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Date: January 30, 2025

To: Reviewing Agencies, Interested Parties and Organizations

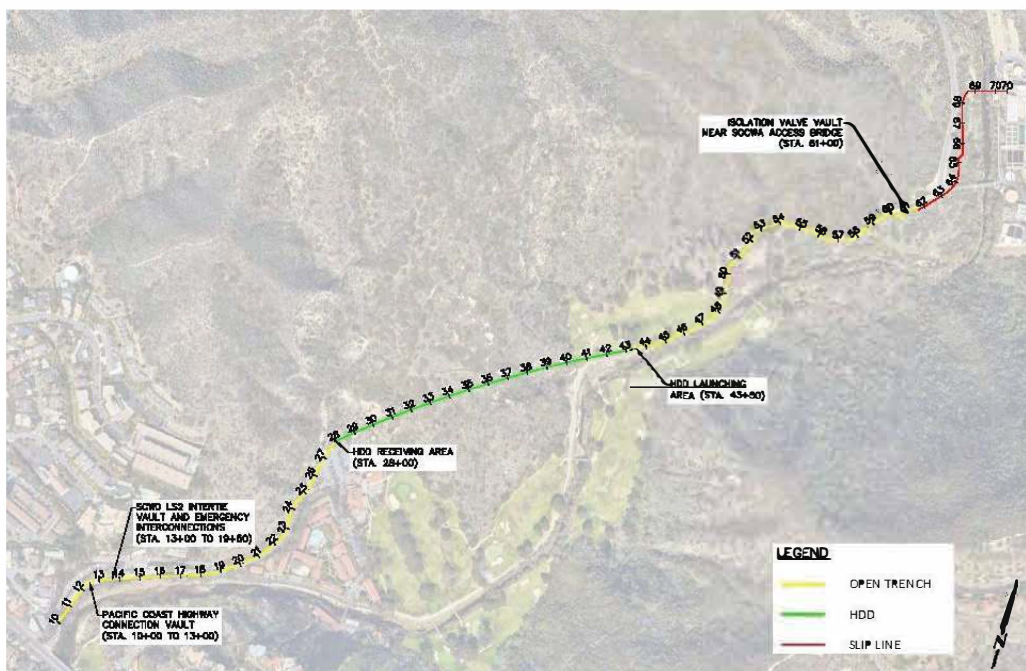
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the North Coast Interceptor Reach 5 Replacement Project

Comment Period: January 30, 2025, through February 28, 2025

An initial study/mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Laguna Beach (City) for the proposed North Coast Interceptor (NCI) Reach 5 Replacement Project (project). The City is the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, responsible for preparation of this document.

Project Description: The NCI is part of a pipeline conveyance system that conveys sewer flows from the City of Laguna Beach and the Emerald Bay Community Services District to the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Coastal Treatment Plant (CTP) in Aliso Canyon. The proposed project is the replacement of the existing NCI Reach 5 through Aliso Canyon by a combination of open trench, horizontal directional drilling (HDD), and slip lining. The goal of the project is to completely replace the existing NCI Reach 5 with new dual parallel pipelines that will provide redundancy and the ability to maintain a reliable and safe conveyance of wastewater to the SOCWA CTP.

Project Location: The NCI is part of a pipeline conveyance system that conveys sewer flows from the City of Laguna Beach and the Emerald Bay Community Services District to the SOCWA CTP in Aliso Canyon. NCI Reach 5 originates near the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Country Club Drive and follows Aliso Canyon to terminate at the SOCWA CTP. The proposed alignment is shown below.



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Public Comments: The public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on January 30, 2025, and conclude on February 28, 2025. The IS/MND is available for review on the City website at <https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/government/departments/community-development/planning-zoning/public-notice> under the CEQA tab.

Please submit comments in writing to the address or email provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2025**.

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For questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Ulises Escalona at 949.497.0792.

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative

1/28/25
Date