

Notice of Determination Project Description  
Randall Road Debris Basin  
August 3, 2021

Approved, adopted, and authorized a Resolution of Necessity for the acquisition of the fee interest in the real property, parcel number 007-120-101, 630 Randall Road, Santa Barbara, California, owned by Catherine W. Montgomery, Trustee of the Montgomery Living Trust, dated 2/7/2014, for the Randall Road Debris Basin Project (the Project).

The Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) completed an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project (State Clearinghouse no. 2019029104). The Final EIR was certified and the overall Project was approved by the Board of Directors on August 18, 2020. The Project consists of the construction and long-term periodic maintenance of a new debris basin on San Ysidro Creek to capture sediment and debris transported from the watershed upstream of the Project site.

Full Project implementation is contingent on the acquisition of eight private parcels and not all acquisitions have followed the same schedule. In 2019, the Board authorized the acquisition of 640 Randall Road, known as Assessor Parcel Number 007-120-036, one of the eight properties. Acquisition of this parcel was processed independently due to the property having independent utility to the District, including use as a staging area for flood control activities for subsequent forthcoming rain seasons. Six of the other parcels were acquired in November 2020.

Because it was possible that the eighth parcel, APN 007-120-101, would not be acquired in time for complete construction of the Project in 2021, and was not necessary for the first portion of the Project, the District prepared an EIR Addendum to address the possibility of a two-phased approach to construction of the Project depending upon how property acquisition proceeded. The EIR Addendum considers two Project timelines: 1) a single construction season in 2021 equivalent to the Final EIR, and 2) a two-phased approach occurring in 2021 and 2022. In addition, minor changes in the overall Project design were proposed and are described in Addendum. On January 12, 2021, at an open and public hearing, the District Board of Directors considered and approved the EIR Addendum.

In order to complete the full Project and subsequently operate and maintain the facilities associated with all portions of the Project, the District must acquire the Property. The acquisition will allow the District to fully develop a debris basin at the Project site to

capture sediment, gravel, boulders, and vegetative debris for the benefit and future safety of the Montecito community.

No substantial changes are proposed in the Project or have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is being undertaken that would require major revisions to the EIR or Addendum due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects, or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable due diligence at the time the EIR was certified and Addendum adopted shows:

- a. That the Project will have significant effects not discussed in the EIR for the approved project.
- b. That significant effects will be substantially more severe than previously shown.
- c. That mitigation measures or alternatives have been found feasible that would reduce significant impacts and which the District has declined to adopt, or
- d. That there are considerably different mitigation measures or alternatives that will substantially reduce significant project effects and which the District has declined to adopt.

In summary, because none of the conditions in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 have occurred with respect to the Project, no subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration is required to approve, adopt, and authorize the Resolution of Necessity.