



## CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Laguna Niguel has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project identified below. The IS/MND indicates that the proposed project would not result in significant environmental impacts with incorporation of the prescribed mitigation measures.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Laguna Niguel Wetlands Operations and Maintenance Project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project sites include 13 wetlands sites in the City of Laguna Niguel in the Sulphur Creek watershed; in a portion of the Salt Creek Watershed, within Chapparosa Park; and within Crown Valley Regional Park.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project involves implementation of the Laguna Niguel Wetlands Operations and Maintenance Plan which was prepared as a guide for the City to manage and maintain the 13 wetland sites for long-term sustainability and public safety. It establishes routine maintenance activities that will be performed at the 13 wetland sites, compensatory mitigation requirements, and general reporting requirements. The goals of the O&M Plan are to implement flood control and vector control for public safety; maintain the integrity of the restored ecosystems; and manage the sites for the long-term stability, health, and sustainability of the Aliso Creek Watershed. The proposed project would include minor maintenance activities such as removing herbaceous vegetation and accumulated sediment around outfalls, risers, culverts, and bridge crossings; establishing pilot channels to facilitate positive flow and maintain flood capacity (i.e., flowline maintenance); and trimming understory of riparian vegetation (i.e., below the tree canopy) to prevent obstruction of flow.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The IS/MND is available for review at the City of Laguna Niguel Public Works Department, 30111 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 and online at the City's website: <http://cityoflagunaniguel.org>.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The IS/MND is available for public review and comment for 30 days beginning April 25, 2019 and ending May 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Please address all comments in writing to: Hal Ghafari, Environmental Programs Supervisor, City of Laguna Niguel, Public Works Department, 30111 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677, or by email to [hghafari@cityoflagunaniguel.org](mailto:hghafari@cityoflagunaniguel.org).

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** The Laguna Niguel City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the IS/MND and the proposed project at a regular commission meeting to be held on July 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers at 30111 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. For further information, please contact Hal Ghafari, Environmental Programs Supervisor, at (949) 362-4384 or by email, noted above.

