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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970" as amended to date, this is to advise you that the City of Laguna Beach has prepared an Initial Study for the following project.

PROJECT: Design Review 19-4144 and Coastal Development Permit 19-4145 to rehabilitate the Bluebird Canyon outfall and diversion structure (Project) located off the Bluebird Canyon Drive beach access area, between 1585 South Coast Highway and 1601 South Coast Highway in the City of Laguna Beach. Due to their age and exposure to the elements, the outfall and diversion structure are in need of repair.

LOCATION/ADDRESS: The project site is located generally off the Bluebird Canyon Drive beach access area. Specifically, the project site is located between 1585 South Coast Highway and 1601 South Coast Highway.

APPLICATION NUMBERS: Design Review 19-4144 and Coastal Development Permit 19-4145

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION AND ZONING: N/A- the project site does not have a land use or zoning designation, since it is located within a beach access area.

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Laguna Beach Public Works Department, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The proposed project would involve rehabilitation of the existing Bluebird Canyon outfall and diversion structure. The existing headwall would be removed and replaced with a new headwall, which would be located on the same footprint and be constructed with concrete, colored to blend aesthetically with the surrounding environment. An intermediate wall would be constructed between the headwall and the outfall and diversion pipes, creating an enclosure for the outfall and diversion pipes. Two Tideflex duckbill valves would be installed on this intermediate wall to allow stormwater to pass through the intermediate wall but prevent the surcharge of sea water, sand, and sediment. A manhole and cover would be located above the outfall and diversion pipes (behind the intermediate wall), with stairs leading to this enclosure.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: The approximately 0.03-acre project site is occupied by the existing Bluebird Canyon outfall and diversion structure. The outfall is an 84-inch-diameter reinforced concrete pipe that discharges flows directly to the Pacific Ocean. The outfall is located under Glenneyre Street and South Coast Highway, is approximately 900 feet long, and terminates with a concrete headwall. Within the outfall near the ocean outlet is a transfer pipe to the diversion structure. This outlet structure is relatively low compared to sea level, and, thus, large storm events and high tides push sand and sediment into the transfer pipe, blocking the diversion. As a temporary measure, the City installed a wood header on the lower one-third of the concrete headwall to capture dry-season urban drainage and prevent sand from entering the Bluebird Canyon outfall.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: From July 1, 2019 to July 30, 2019, the public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study with mitigation measures, and submit written comments. Such comments may be submitted prior to or during the public hearing(s).

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Thursday, August 8, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and other supporting environmental documents are available for public review on the City website at www.lagunabeachcity.net and at the City of Laguna Beach, Community Development Department, located at 505 Forest Avenue, City Hall. **Please note our new City Hall hours: Mon – Thurs:7:30am – 5:30pm; every other Friday: 7:30am – 4:30pm; closed alternating Fridays.**

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DECLARATION

Based on the Initial Study dated July 2019, staff has determined:

- X This project does not have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment; substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species; cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels; threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community; substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered rare or threatened species; or eliminate important examples of major periods of California history or prehistory.
- X This project does not have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
- X This project does not have possible environmental effects that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable. (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of the individual project are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of current projects and the effects of probable future projects.)
- X This project will not have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effect on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

The aforementioned findings are contingent upon the following mitigation measures (if indicated) which have been incorporated into this project.

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED BY

City of Laguna Beach
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Contact: David Shissler
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Signature  _____

Date June 28, 2019

COMMENTS DUE BY July 30, 2019

The attached Mitigated Negative Declaration dated July 2019 is being referred to your agency/City department for review and comment. Your written comments should be received prior to, or be submitted verbally during the Public Hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Contact Person above.

ATTACHMENTS

Mitigated Negative Declaration

SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

See References within the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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- California Coastal Conservancy
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- Laguna Beach Coastline Pilot
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- South Coast Water District
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TO EXPEDITE SUBMITTAL OF YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY RESPOND BY FACSIMILE TO (949) 497-0771

This Agency/City Department has comments, see attached.

This Agency/City Department has no comments.

NAME OF AGENCY/CITY
DEPARTMENT

SIGNATURE OF
REPRESENTATIVE

DATE
