

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE TEQUESQUITE CREEK MAINTENANCE PROJECT
FOR THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CALIFORNIA**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Riverside Public Works Department is proposing the Tequesquite Creek Project (project) to conduct maintenance within an approximately 500-foot segment of Tequesquite Creek Channel to maintain adequate flood capacity and prevent debris from washing downstream. The proposed maintenance activities include the removal of accumulated sediment and vegetation from the channel bottom, removal of vegetation from the channel banks, and removal of vegetation from the 12-foot- wide section of the access roads adjacent to the channel banks. Excavated material would be temporarily stockpiled in an upland location adjacent to the channel, prior to placement of the material in a dump truck for transport and off-site disposal. No nighttime lighting of the site would be required because all maintenance activities would occur during the day.

The maintenance activities would be conducted as needed, but would occur at least one time per year, from 2020 through 2029 (approximately 10 years). Each annual maintenance event would require approximately 1 to 3 working days, to complete, depending upon the amount of sediment, debris, and trash that must be removed.

Prior to the commencement of proposed activities, the project would require a Clean Water Act Section 404 – Nationwide Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a Clean Water Act 401 Water Quality Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Regional Board), and a California Fish and Game Code Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

PROJECT LOCATION: The segment of Tequesquite Creek within the project footprint is located approximately 1,500 feet northwest of Ryan Bonaminio Park, in the City of Riverside. Maintenance activities are proposed within an approximately 500-foot segment of the channel and the access roads on either side of the channel, with a total project area of approximately 0.93 acres. The channel branches off from the Tequesquite Arroyo, which is located approximately 0.1 miles northeast of the site. The channel continues southwest before discharging to the Santa Ana River approximately 0.25 miles southwest of the study area.

The project site is within Township 2 South, Range 5 West, Section 28 of the Riverside, California, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute West Riverside quadrangle map.

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PUBLIC REVIEW AND WRITTEN COMMENTS: The public review period for submitting written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, commences on February 5, 2020 and will close on March 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding the project or the Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact Michael Roberts via e-mail or phone, as indicated above.

Written comments should be addressed to: Michael Roberts, Environmental Services Coordinator
City of Riverside Public Works Department
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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at two City facility locations and on the internet:

1. The Public Works Department, located at the address above.
2. Riverside Public Library
3581 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 826-5201
Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday 11 am - 5 pm
Friday – Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM
Sunday 12 PM – 5 PM
3. City's website at:
<https://www.riversideca.gov/ceqa/pworks/TequesquiteCreekChannelMaintenanceProject.pdf>