

City of South Lake Tahoe

NOTICE OF INTENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Release of an Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the Ruby Way – Overlook Court Drainage and Erosion Control Project

The City of South Lake Tahoe (City) has released for public review the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Ruby Way – Overlook Court Drainage and Erosion Control Project (project). The project is proposed by the City of South Lake Tahoe to address an undersized storm drain system located in the Wildwood Avenue, David Lane, Ruby Way, Lucinda Avenue, Overlook Court, and Pioneer Trail area that consists of primarily single-family residential homes, limited multi-family development, publicly owned parcels, and roadways. Existing drainage features within the area were installed during construction of the residential subdivision, mostly in the 1960s, and retrofitted under the 1987 “Bijou/Wildwood Erosion Control Project.” Seasonal flooding and overland flows occur in the area when the curb and drain inlet collection system fails to capture and convey runoff. The result is erosion along road shoulders, across public lands, and flooding of some apartments and residences.

The proposed project is part of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP Project #01.01.01.0095) and is intended to reduce stormwater pollution from City roads. Proposed project improvements would redirect urban stormwater runoff into surface and subsurface conveyance and infiltration systems removing overland surface flow that is currently causing significant erosion in the project area. The project design objectives are to keep sediment off of the road surfaces, eliminate flooding, and prevent fine sediment from reaching Lake Tahoe.

Program Location: The project is located on a small portion of Pioneer Trail and south along Wildwood Avenue, David Lane, Ruby Way, Lucinda Avenue, and Overlook Court.

Environmental Effects: The City has prepared an IS/ND pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15063 and 15071. The City has studied the effects the proposed project may have on the environment. Based on the IS, the proposed project would not result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, an IS/ND is proposed for compliance with the requirements of CEQA.

Where You Come In: The City is releasing the IS/ND for public review and comments. The document is available for a 30-day public review period from May 19, 2020 to June 18, 2020.

Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments: Comments regarding the IS/ND may be submitted in writing via U.S. mail or email any time during the public review period. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the IS/ND or any questions regarding the document should be submitted no later than June 18, 2020. Comments may be sent to:

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1740 D Street
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
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Phone: (530) 542-6042

Hard copies of the IS/ND, and the documents referenced in the IS/ND, can be requested from Chuck Taylor (contact information above) and would be left outside the City of South Lake Tahoe Offices at 1740 D Street in South Lake Tahoe for pick up.

Digital copies of the IS/ND and IEC/FONSE are available online at: <https://www.cityofslt.us/>.

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the proposed project, to introduce the project and accept comments, is scheduled during the Planning Commission Meeting that will begin at 3:00 p.m. on June 18, 2020. A public hearing on the proposed project, where adoption of the proposed Negative Declaration and project approval will be considered, is scheduled during the Planning Commission Meeting that will begin at 3:00 p.m. on August 13, 2020. The meetings are scheduled to occur at the South Lake Tahoe Airport at 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, Suite 100, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, remote public participation is allowed in the following ways: (1) Planning Commission meetings are live-streamed on Channel 21 and on the City's website at www.cityofslt.us. (2) Public comment may be submitted by TELEPHONE during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment on an item, by calling the City Clerk at (530) 318-1461, ONLY AT THE TIME INDICATED BY THE CHAIR. Please do not leave a message, you will not receive a return call. If the line is busy, please try your call again. (3) Public comment may be submitted by EMAIL with the subject line PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM # (insert item number) to PublicComment@cityofslt.us during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment on an item, and read into the record during public comment.

EMAIL public comment received 72 hours prior to the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission. Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Planning Commission regarding any open session item will be made available for public inspection within the Agenda posted on the City's Website.

Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate any person needing special assistance to participate in this meeting. Contact the City Clerk at (530) 542-6005 in advance of the meeting for assistance [28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II and Brown Act Government Code Sections 54953.2, 54954.1, 54954.2, and 54957.5].