



## CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE

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

An Initial Study (ER 2017-00002) for a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Third Street Storm Drain Project and is available for public review.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, will hold a public hearing on May 23, 2017, at the Lake Elsinore Cultural Center, 183 North Main Street, Lake Elsinore, California, 92530, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider the MND and the proposed project, as described below. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby invited to attend this public hearing to present written information, express opinions or otherwise present evidence in the above matter. If you wish to legally challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the public hearing.

#### **Project Name:**

Third Street Storm Drain Project

#### **Project Location:**

The proposed Third Street Storm Drain Project (Project) is located in southwestern Riverside County in the City of Lake Elsinore. The Project is situated within the Santa Ana River Basin and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD) Zone 3 watershed. More specifically, the Project site is located south of State Route 74 (Central Avenue), in the central portion of the City of Lake Elsinore, and is generally aligned within Third Street, but also includes portions of Collier Avenue, Cambern Avenue, Conard Avenue, and Welch Drive. The project site is located on the Lake Elsinore, California, United States Geologic Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map, Township 5 South, Range 4 West, Section 31 (Latitude 33°41'26" North; Longitude 117°19'59" West).

#### **Project Description:**

The Project proposes the phased installation of an underground reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) and a reinforced concrete box (RCB) structure in order to adequately collect and convey the drainage flows of approximately 704 tributary acres under a 100-year flood event. More specifically, the Project involves the construction of a master drainage facility which would provide flood protection to the existing Third Street channel watershed and adjacent properties. Existing flood control improvements on the southern side of Collier Avenue include an existing earthen trapezoidal channel aligned along portions of Third Street beginning on the north side of Collier Avenue. This Initial Study will analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with two phases of drainage improvements located primarily along Third Street (Phase 1 and 2 of the proposed Project) which will connect to the existing flood control improvements.

Phase 1 involves the installation of underground RCB ranging between 6' height (H) x 10' width (W) to 4'6" H x 14' W along with RCP ranging between 24 to 96 inches in diameter. Phase 1 would capture flows traveling southwest from an existing natural channel through a proposed drop-inlet structure to be constructed on the northern edge of Cambern Avenue within the roadway right-of-way. The drop-inlet structure would collect and convey the flows to the proposed underground RCP that would be installed along Cambern Avenue. From here, the RCP would be extended southeast towards Third Street and connect to a proposed RCP line. At Third Street, the RCP would continue southwest towards Interstate 15 and continue under Interstate 15 within CalTrans right-of-way and constructed via jack and bore drilling, as approved by CalTrans. Once the RCP is clear of CalTrans right-of-way, it would transition to an underground RCB structure and tie-in to an existing double RCB (4'6" H x 14' W) located to the north of the Collier Avenue/Third Street Intersection.

Phase 2 of the Project involves the installation of a RCP ranging between 72 to 78 inches in diameter. Phase 2 will capture flows from a proposed basin and headwall designed to accommodate 100-year storm flows. The basin and headwall will be located on adjacent vacant land at/near the end/stub of existing Welch Drive. Flows will continue through the basin and headwall through approximately 100 feet of 78-inch diameter buried pipeline that will continue to Welch Drive. The existing functioning channel and headwall at the eastern end of Welch Drive, located on private property, will not be modified. The RCP storm drain would continue west along Welch Drive towards Conard Avenue, southeast along Conard Avenue toward Third Street, and southwest along Third Street towards Cambern Avenue. Phase 2 would tie into the Phase 1 RCP improvements at the Cambern Avenue/Third Street intersection.

Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Project would include the installation of several lateral connection points for future land uses. Phase 1 and Phase 2 would be designed to meet Riverside County Flood Control District (RCFCD) standards.

### **Environmental Effects Anticipated as a Result of the Project**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. Staff has found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment on the basis of the Initial Study with implementation of recommended mitigation measures.

In accordance with the disclosure requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(g)(5), the project site is not listed as a hazardous property as designated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

### **Public Review Period**

The City Lake Elsinore is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for this project, and is holding a 30-day public review period on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) beginning on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**, and ending on **Friday, May 19, 2017**, during which time responsible agencies, the public, and interested parties are invited to comment on the IS/MND for the proposed project.

The IS/MND is available for review at the following locations in the City of Lake Elsinore:

- **City of Lake Elsinore, Community Development Department**, 130 South Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
- **City of Lake Elsinore website** at: at <http://www.lake-elsinore.org/city-hall/city-departments/community-development/planning/ceqa-documents-available-for-public-review/third-street-storm-drain-project>
- **Altha Merrifield Memorial Library**, 600 West Graham Avenue, City of Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

- **Vick Knight Community Library**, 32593 Riverside Drive, Building 200, City of Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

**Written comments and any questions regarding the project should be directed to:**

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