

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE:

December 16, 2014

TO:

Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Organizations, and Individuals

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15072, the Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District) hereby gives notice that an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Yorba Linda Pump Station Abandonment Project is now available for review and comment.

PROJECT TITLE:

Yorba Linda Pump Station Abandonment Project

PROJECT LOCATION:

Yorba Linda Boulevard/Campus Drive (Associated Road) Intersection

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Sanitation District is proposing to demolish the existing Yorba Linda Pump Station, as well as an existing below ground force main and two gravity sewer lines located in the City of Fullerton. The existing pump station facility and gravity sewer lines are located at the corner of Yorba Linda Boulevard and Campus Drive (Associated Road) and north of California State University, Fullerton. The force main is located along Yorba Linda Boulevard, on private property (Tribeca Apartments), and Palm Drive (Figure 1).

The Sanitation District has determined that upgrading the equipment and facilities at the existing Yorba Linda Pump Station is not practical due to the high cost of rehabilitating the pump station and the apparent redundancy of the facility after the Newhope-Placentia Trunk is upsized to meet demand for future development projects in the area. Thus, the pump station and associated force main and gravity sewer lines will be abandoned. Specifically, the proposed Project would consist of the following elements:

- Demolition and abandonment of Yorba Linda Pump Station
  - o Removal of the existing wall, gates and berms enclosing the pump station
  - Removal and disposal of all mechanical and electrical equipment
  - o Removal of the below ground dry well, wet well, and access stairwells
  - Backfill and compaction of soils
  - Landscaping to be determined in coordination with California State University, Fullerton.
- Abandonment in-place of 7,270 feet of an existing below grade 30-inch force main located along Yorba Linda Boulevard, private property, and Palm Drive
  - Excavation of an estimated 15 grout injection holes (approximately 5-foot by 5-foot) located at approximately 500 foot intervals along the length of the force main
  - Restoration of road pavement and landscaping to pre-existing conditions

- Abandonment of 190 feet of gravity pipe, located in the public right of way using grout injection
- Removal of approximately 90 feet of gravity sewers located on the pump station site
- Modification of the downstream manhole located at the intersection of Kraemer Boulevard and Palm Drive

## FINDINGS:

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, following an Initial Study and assessment of possible adverse impacts, the Sanitation District has determined that the environmental effects from the proposed Project would be less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures. Therefore, the Sanitation District has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

## **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:**

The Sanitation District encourages agencies and members of the public to review and comment on this document. In accordance with the time limits mandated by CEQA, the IS/MND is being circulated for public review for 30 days. Written comments must be received by the Sanitation District by no later than <u>January 17, 2015</u>. Please mail your written comments to Daisy Covarrubias at the address shown below. Please include a return address and contact name with your comments.

Address: Orange County Sanitation District

10844 Ellis Avenue

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Attn: Daisy Covarrubias

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The IS/MND is available for public review at www.ocsd.com. Copies are also available for public review at the following locations:

- Orange County Sanitation District, Administrative Office Building, Engineering Department, 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
- Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832
- Placentia Library District, 411 E Chapman Ave., Placentia, CA 92870

The Sanitation District will take comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project at a public hearing on January 8, 2015 to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Fullerton City Council Chambers, located at 303 West Commonwealth Avenue Fullerton, CA 92832. For further information, please call 714-593-7119.

The Sanitation District's Board of Directors will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 25, 2015 to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Orange County Sanitation District Administration Offices Board Room, located at 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

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Date:

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Figure 1: Project Area Map

