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## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ALISO CREEK- LIMEKILN CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT**

- State Clearinghouse No. (SCH#): Pending Assignment by OPR -

*Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has prepared an Initial Study for the project described below. Under CEQA, the City identified no significant impacts and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.*

### **Project Location:**

The 11.8-acre project site is located in Council District 12 and the Northridge Community at 8956 Vanalden Avenue, west of Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5), north of Ventura Freeway (US Highway 101), south of Ronald Reagan Freeway (CA State Route 118), and East of Chatsworth Reservoir. Refer to map on next page for project site. The project is located at the confluence of the concrete-lined Aliso and Limekiln Creek flood control channels.

### **Project Description:**

The City of Los Angeles (City) is proposing a project that would improve the existing water quality of dry-weather urban runoff and portion of wet-weather stormwater from the creeks prior to discharging back into Aliso Creek, Limekiln Creek and ultimately to the Los Angeles River. The proposed project would comply with Proposition O funding criteria while also providing multiple benefits to the neighborhood with improved, educational opportunities, wildlife habitats, and restoring vegetation. This project will also improve climate change adaptability, increase sustainability, replenish natural resources, and improve the community's quality of life.

The proposed project is comprised of three distinct construction sequences. The commencement of the following sequences may be overlapped and will not necessarily flow linearly.

**Sequence 1 – Clearing, Grubbing, Excavation, and Site Preparation:** This sequence includes removal of existing site features including a small portion of concrete in Limekiln Creek Channel, clearing and grubbing, and excavation for pipes and bio retention areas and grading. At the end of this sequence, the site's soil will be left in a stabilized, rough-graded finish.

**Sequence 2 – Stormwater Facilities:** Sequence 2 of the proposed project construction would divert a portion of the flows from Aliso Creek, Limekiln Creek, and the existing 102-inch storm drain pipe to the site and construct and operate appropriate, beneficial, and feasible stormwater best management practices (BMPs) within the site to reduce pollutants entering the Los Angeles River. The BMPs include pretreatment devices and bioretention basins. Other stormwater facilities include diversions structures, pump stations, and on-site pipes along with associated electrical and instrumentation equipment.

**Sequence 3 – Landscape, Irrigation, and Miscellaneous Amenities:** Sequence 3 of the proposed project



would include an improved pathway, aesthetic, and educational amenities that would further transform the project site to supplement the BMPs and associated water quality benefits. Plant material for the project will be native and drought-tolerant. Plant material that will be located in the new basins will be selected to be able to withstand ponding fluctuations and saturated soil conditions. A trail, included in Sequence 3, will expand the existing Vanalden Park.

Although the initial study identified potentially significant noise and cultural resources impacts, mitigation measures were applied in those areas to reduce the impacts to levels less than significant.

This notice is intended to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. The Initial Study is available for review at the Northridge Library, 9051 Darby Ave, Northridge, CA 91325; Wilkinson Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave, Northridge, CA 91324; Council District 12-District Office, 9207 Oakdale Ave., Suite 200, Chatsworth, CA 91311; Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group (EMG), 1149 South Broadway, Los Angeles 90015 (contact Shokoufe Marashi at (213) 485-5759); or online at <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg>.

The 30-day public review period starts October 6, 2016 and ends November 4, 2016. **Comments must be received in writing by November 4, 2016 by email (please put “Aliso Creek-Limekiln Creek Restoration Project” in subject line) to [shokoufe.marashi@lacity.org](mailto:shokoufe.marashi@lacity.org), or by mail to:**

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#### Map of Project Site

