



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

FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS LAKE GREGORY REGIONAL PARK SITEWIDE SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECT CRESTLINE, CALIFORNIA

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works (DPW) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a proposal to address the current deterioration of the existing Lake Gregory public beach along the lake's swim area, reduce sediment loading in the lake, and to continue the routine operations and maintenance elements at the lake, located in Crestline, California. This IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with CEQA to identify and assess the potential environmental impacts from the lake improvements and routine operations and maintenance.

The County of San Bernardino ("County"), is proposing to address the current deterioration of the existing Lake Gregory public beach along the lake's swim area, reduce sediment loading in the lake, and to continue the routine operations and maintenance elements at the lake.

Construction of Lake improvements includes the following actions:

- Improvement to the Swim Beach area including dredging, regrading, and placement of a permanent in-water barrier.
- Improvements to South Beach including dredging and regrading.
- Improvement to the majority of lake inlet locations along the lake perimeter with the addition of headwall structures and rip rap at some inlets.

Maintenance includes the following actions:

- On-going sediment management and removal of existing and future sediment accumulation.
- Routine maintenance of Lake Gregory, San Moritz Channel Basins, and Library Basin, including Lake Gregory beach grading, lake and basin structural repairs and debris/trash removal, inlet/outlet repairs, access road and appurtenant structure repairs, slope repairs, maintenance of lake water surface/water quality operational standards, vector control.

Lake Gregory is located in the unincorporated community of Crestline Forest in San Bernardino County. The site is addressed 24171 Lake Drive. Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 033-720-207, 033-730-119, 034-003-201, 034-003-204, 033-720-209, 034-003-202, and 033-720-213.

The Draft IS/MND details the proposed project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the operations and maintenance of the proposed project, identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures, which avoid, minimize, or mitigate these impacts. As provided for by CEQA Section 21064.5, an IS/MND may be prepared for a project subject to CEQA when the project will not result in significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level below significance.

The DPW has identified that the Lake Gregory Regional Park Sitewide Sediment Management Project meets the CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 definition of a Project. To be a Project, it must require a Discretionary Action by a public agency (i.e., CEQA Lead Agency). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 defines a "Project" as the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

The Draft IS/MND is available for public review on the DPW project website: <https://dpw.sbcounty.gov/#notices>; additionally, copies of the Draft IS/MND are also available at the County office listed below.

In accordance with CEQA, a good faith effort has been made during the preparation of this Draft IS/MND to contact affected agencies, organizations, and individuals who may have an interest in this project. In reviewing the Draft IS/MND, affected public agencies and the interested public should focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways in which the significant effects on the project area are proposed to be avoided or mitigated.

Comments may be made on the Draft IS/MND in writing before the end of the comment period. Following the close of the public comment period, the County Board of Supervisors will consider this IS/MND and comments thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND should be sent to the following address no later than **June 27, 2024**.

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San Bernardino County's Board of Supervisors will consider this document for approval and certification during a future public hearing.