



Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rialto Channel Flood Control Improvement Project (Project Number - F01669)

Notice is hereby given that the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (Lead Agency) has completed an Initial Study and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rialto Channel Flood Control Improvement Project.

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act" as amended to date, notice is hereby given that the San Bernardino County Flood Control District, as Lead Agency, is circulating for public review a Draft Initial Study for the proposed Rialto Channel Flood Control Improvement Project.

Project Title: Rialto Channel Flood Control Improvement Project (F01669)

Project Applicant: San Bernardino County Flood Control District

Project Location: 34.10074446358789 N, -117.38382266675126 W to 34.114063657767765N, -117.3838240667169 W

Project Description: The Project proposes improvements to the Rialto Channel, which extends approximately 2.97 miles between Willow Avenue and Etiwanda Avenue in the City of Rialto. The Proposed Project will involve grading activities such as excavation and fill, construction of a reinforced concrete rectangular and trapezoidal channel, and the replacement of undersized reinforced concrete box (RCB) culverts at multiple street crossings. The improvements are designed to convey flows associated with a 100-year storm event. The Proposed Project will require relocation of several existing utilities, including waterlines, gas lines, fiber optic and cable television (CATV) lines, Southern California Edison (SCE) duct banks, and sewer lines. Excess soil and rock will be exported from the site; however, no vegetation or tree removal is proposed. Final surfaces will consist of reinforced concrete for the channel and asphalt concrete for the access roads.

On the basis of the Initial Study, San Bernardino County Flood Control District staff has concluded that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment and has therefore recommended preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the project's potential significant adverse impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level.

The Initial Study is available for a 30-day public review period beginning January 20, 2026, and ending February 20, 2026. The document can also be accessed online at: <https://dpw.sbcounty.gov/public-notices/>. Additionally, copies of the document are also available for review at the following physical locations during regular business hours:

Department of Public Works
Environmental Management Division
825 E, Third Street, Rm. 123
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Written comments on the proposed project must be received no later than **February 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** to the attention of **Ayida Smith**, at the address listed below or via email. Your comments should specifically identify what environmental impacts you believe would result from the project, why they are significant, and what changes or mitigation measures you believe should be adopted to eliminate or reduce these impacts. You are also invited to attend and testify at the public hearings as to the appropriateness of this document.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on the project at a future date at the San Bernardino County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92415.

For further information as to the future schedule of hearings, please check: <https://cob.sbcounty.gov/board-of-supervisors-meetings/>.

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