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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
NORTH SAN BERNARDINO CHANNEL PROJECT

The San Bernardino County Flood Control District (District) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) in support of Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed North San Bernardino Channel Project (proposed Project). The IS evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed Project and identifies mitigation measures necessary to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that the District is circulating the IS/MND for public comment. The IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with CEQA, Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq. and the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et. seq.

Project Location: North San Bernardino Channel (formerly known as Devil Creek Channel) north of Kendall Drive, from Western Avenue to Little Mountain Basin (approximately 1 mile in length), in the City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County (see Figure 1).

Project Description: The proposed Project includes the construction of a reinforced concrete rectangular channel to replace the existing rural, interim channel along with three culverts at street crossings, and relocation of utilities as needed. The existing channel was constructed in the 1950s as a temporary flood control facility. It was designed to provide protection from storms with a 25-year recurrence interval (i.e., 25-year flood event) upstream and a 10-year flood event downstream. The proposed Project is funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Therefore, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) would be required. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) would serve as the lead agency for NEPA review and compliance.

Document Availability: In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day public review and comment period. The IS/MND is available for review on the District's website at: https://dpw.sbcounty.gov/public-notices/. A copy of the IS/MND is also available for review at the San Bernardino Department of Public Works, 825 E Third St, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Public Review Period: The 30-day public review period for the IS/MND begins on **November 4, 2026,** and ends on **December 4, 2026**.

Comments: Please submit comments on the District's intent to adopt the MND must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, December 4, 2026**.

Written comments may be sent via email to Maryn.Mineo-Wells@dpw.sbcounty.gov or by mail to:

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Project Impacts: Based on the findings of the IS, the proposed Project would not result in significant environmental impacts with implementation of the identified mitigation measures for Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources, which would be incorporated as conditions of approval. Additionally, the Project site is not known to contain any significant hazardous waste contamination and is not included on any hazardous materials lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Hearing: The date, time, and place of future public hearing(s) will be appropriately notified per County and CEQA requirements.

For additional information, please contact Maryn Mineo-Wells at (909) 387-1865.

Figure 1. Project Location

