



Appendix A.1

NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND RESPONSES



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LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DIVISION
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Date: **July 15, 2005**

**REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the following project:

PROJECT: Master Drainage Maintenance Program. SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT to establish a program to systematically maintain concrete and earthen bottom drainage segments City-wide. The Project would have three objectives: 1) Establish a program to maintain, repair, and replace over 70,000 jurisdictional drainage structures, including but not limited to, ditches, pipes, headwalls, curb inlets and outlets, detention and sedimentation basins, and manholes, in a systematic and comprehensive manner. 2) Recognizing a significant number of drainage structures contain wetlands or other environmentally sensitive habitat; identify the most efficient and environmentally sensitive means to implement the program. 3) Obtain all appropriate permits, authorizations, agreements, and clearances from other local, state, and federal regulatory agencies to implement the proposed program. Applicant: Mario Sierra, Deputy Director, City of San Diego, General Services Department.

Project Number: 42891

SCH No.: Pending

Based on an Initial Study, it appears that the project may result in significant environmental impacts in the following areas: Land Use, Aesthetics/ Neighborhood Character, Biological Resources, Geology/Soils, Historic Resources, Human Health/ Public Safety/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Noise, and Paleontological Resources. In addition, potential significant cumulative impacts may result in the following subject areas: Biological Resources, Historical Resources, Hydrology/Water Quality, and Paleontological Resources.

For more information, or to provide comments on the scope and content of the draft PEIR, contact the following person at the address above: Holly Smit Kicklighter, Associate Planner, (619) 446-5378.

Written comments on the scope and content of the draft PEIR must be sent to the above address by no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with this project when responding.

Attachments: Storm Drain Channel Locations and City Council Districts
Storm Drain Channel Locations and Community Planning Areas
Storm Drain Channel Locations and Multiple Habitat Planning Areas
Scoping Letter

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Patricia Grabski, Project Management (MS 301)
Terri Bumgardner, EAS, (MS 501)
Holly Smit Kicklighter, EAS, (MS 501)

Other Organizations and Interested Individuals

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From: Holly Smit-Kicklighter
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Date: 8/31/2005 4:37:14 PM
Subject: Fwd: Master Drainage Maintenance Program - CALTRANS LETTER ON EMAIL

>>> "Virgal Woolfolk" <virgal_woolfolk@dot.ca.gov> 8/30/2005 2:15 PM >>>

Holly:
Below are the comments on the Master Drainage Maintenance Program

August 10, 2005

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Revised NOP/DEIR for the
Master Drainage Maintenance
Program
SCH # 2004101032

Mr. Scott Morgan
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 92583

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has reviewed the "Revised Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (RNOP/PEIR) for the Master Drainage Maintenance Program". However, the document was vacant of any amplifying information that related to Transportation/Circulation impacts to allow direct comment by this agency.

It is understood the purpose of the project includes:

Establishing a program to maintain, repair, and replace over 70,000 jurisdictional drainage structures, including but not limited to, ditches, pipes, headwalls, curb and inlets and outlets, detention and sedimentation basins, and manholes. Recognize significant number of drainage structures that may contain wetlands or other environmental sensitive habitat. Obtain all appropriate permits, authorizations, agreements and clearances from other local, state, and federal regulatory agencies to implement the proposed program.

Caltrans has no doubt the City of San Diego will prepare the necessary environmental documents for the proposed project. Nonetheless, in order for the Caltrans encroachment permit process to proceed as smoothly as possible, the environmental documents should specifically address the potential impacts and proposed mitigation from those impacts that could occur within Caltrans right-of-way.

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Those potential impacts that will require review will include, but are not limited to, visual impacts, possible biological impacts and cultural impacts.

It should be noted that the following comments are preliminary, and are subject to change once we receive a complete project description that takes in account potential, significant or cumulative impacts associated with the Transportation/Circulation elements for this proposed draft PEIR. However, based on the above-mentioned scope-of-work, and the fact the project boundary is so considerable, we have the following comments:

Caltrans' goal is to make certain potential direct impacts to the state highway system be eliminated or reduced to a level of insignificance pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) standards. Mitigation measures must be included in all environmental studies and or feasibility reports.

The Master Drainage Maintenance Program may require a traffic impact study (TIS). If so, it should be in accordance with Caltrans Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies, dated January 2001 (TIS guide). Minimum contents of the traffic impact study are listed in Appendix "A" of the TIS guide.

The scope of the TIS, if required, would have to be very comprehensive. This will entail analyzing State and City of San Diego transportation facilities for potential traffic impacts and should include analyzing associated State Route intersections and Interstate interchanges.

The TIS must include an intersection sight distance analysis for the streets and driveways that would intersect State facilities that are proposed for drainage structural improvements.

It should be determined if grading would modify the existing drainage that would otherwise cause increased runoff to state facilities.

All lighting (including reflected sunlight) for this proposed project should be placed and/or shielded so as not to be hazardous to vehicles traveling.

Improvement plans for construction within the State right of way must include: typical cross sections, adequate structural section, traffic handling plans and signing and striping plans stamped by a professional engineer.

All roadway features (e.g., signs, pavement delineation, roadway surface, etc.) within the State right-of-way must be protected, maintained in a temporary condition, and/or restored.

Traffic Control Plans are required prior to construction. The plans shall be in accordance with the Department's Manual of Traffic Controls for Construction and Maintenance Work Zones [1996 (revision 2) edition]. Traffic restrictions and pedestrian / bicycle detours may also need to be addressed.

The City of San Diego, as lead agency, should review air quality impacts based on regional impact levels. Any related highway project associated with this project must be included in the next cycle of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP).

Any work performed within the Caltrans (R/W) will require an encroachment permit. For the portion of the project within the Caltrans R/W, the permit application must be stated in both

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English and Metric units (Metric first, with English in parentheses). Additional information regarding encroachment permits can be obtained by contacting our Permits Office at (619) 688-6158. Early coordination with our agency is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

If the project entails any work or improvements within the Caltrans R/W, the projects environmental studies must include such work. The project proponent is responsible for quantifying the environmental impacts of the improvements (project level analysis) and completing all appropriate mitigation measures for the impacts. The indirect effects of any mitigation within Caltrans R/W must also be addressed. The project proponent will also be responsible for obtaining any necessary permits or approvals from the regulatory and resource agencies for the improvements.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Virgal Woolfolk, Development Review Branch, at (619) 688-2510.

Sincerely,

MARIO H. ORSO, Chief
Development Review Branch

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Ms. Smit-Kicklighter – City of San Diego

From: Holly Smit-Kicklighter
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Date: 8/31/2005 4:49:43 PM
Subject: Re: SCH# 2005101032

Thanks Carol - It worked! Could you also possibly email me the list of contact people so we have that in our system as well. Thank you, Holly

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>>> "Carol Gaubatz" <cg_nahc@pacbell.net> 8/31/2005 4:34 PM >>>
Per your request...

August 3, 2005

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Re: Master Drainage Maintenance Program
SCH# 2005101032

Dear Ms. Smit-Kicklighter:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project. The Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File for the project area. The record search indicates the potential presence of Native American cultural resources that may be impacted by the proposed project. The locations of the Sacred Lands File sites are confidential. However, the individuals listed below may be able to provide you with information concerning sacred sites in the project area and assist in the development of mitigation measures.

(El Cajon/San Vicente quadrangles)
James Robertson, Ewiiapaayp EPA Office
4208 Willows Road, Alpine, CA 91903 (619) 445-6315

(Escondido quadrangle)
Mark Mojado, San Luis Rey Band of Luiseno Indians
1889 Sunset Drive, Vista, CA 92081 (760) 724-4468

I have also enclosed a list of Native American individuals/organizations that may have knowledge of additional cultural resources in the project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. The Commission makes no recommendation of a single individual or group over another. Please contact all those listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information, they may be able to recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all

those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe or group. If you have not received a response within two weeks' time, we recommend that you follow-up with a telephone call to make sure that the information was received.

If you learn of any change of address or telephone number from any of these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we will be able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-6251.
Sincerely,

Carol Gaubatz
Program Analyst

Cc: James Robertson
Mark Mojado