



CITY OF LA QUINTA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Application: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 2017-0014

Project Location: NORTHWEST CORNER OF AVENIDA FERNANDO AND EISENHOWER DRIVE
APN'S 658-170-015, 658-170-016, and 658-170-031

Project Description:

The City of La Quinta is proposing a 10-acre flood control retention basin to be located at a currently vacant site bounded by Coachella Drive to the north, Eisenhower Drive to the east, Avenida Fernando to the south, and the Santa Rosa Mountains to the west. The project site is relatively flat and consists predominately of desert saltbush scrub, which is a natural vegetation community under the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP).

Runoff water enters the site from the slopes of the Santa Rosa Mountains forming short channels of varying lengths. The site is surrounded by a block wall on all downslope sides with no obvious outlet for accumulated water. The project is intended to correct this blockage by providing proper storm water outflow and storage during a flood event.

No potentially significant effects on the environment are anticipated as a result of the proposed project; therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and all documents referenced therein may be viewed by the public Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., at the Design and Development Department, La Quinta City Hall, 78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, California.

Comment Period:

The public is invited to comment on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration during the public review period beginning on February 2, 2018 and ending on March 4, 2018. Please provide any comments to Cheri Flores, Senior Planner, either by mail to the above address or by email at cflores@la-quinta.org.

City Council Meeting:

The La Quinta City Council will consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration as a consent item on March 20, 2018, to be held at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 78-495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, California.