



# Wet Weather Flow Equalization Basin Project

**CEQA Public Comment Period – December 8, 2016 through January 13, 2017**

An Initial Study (IS) has been prepared under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for review and action by the City of Pacifica. Based on the results of the IS, it has been determined that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared. Draft MND/IS and Notice of Intent to Adopt a MND is scheduled to be released to the public on December 8, 2016 which will commence a public comment period. Any interested party may comment on the Project or the draft MND/IS. All written comments received during the review period will be considered by the City prior to finalizing the MND/IS and making a decision on the Project. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number with your comment. Please send comments to:

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## **Presentation of EQ Basin to City Council \*\***

**December 12, 2016 at 7:00pm**  
City Council Chambers, Second Floor  
2212 Beach Boulevard, Pacifica, CA 94044

## **CEQA Public Meeting**

**December 15, 2016 at 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m.**  
Pacifica Community Center – Auditorium  
540 Crespi Drive, Pacifica, CA 94044

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** The purpose of this meeting is to present a project update to the City Council. Staff will not be available to address questions from the public at this meeting regarding the CEQA document.

The purpose of this meeting is to address public questions regarding the Project and the CEQA document. This meeting will begin with a presentation, followed by an open house format where staff will be available to answer questions regarding the EQ basin. Written comments on the MND/IS will be accepted during the meeting. Please note that verbal comments made at the meeting will not be recorded and therefore will not be directly addressed in the Final MND/IS. However, staff will note general themes of verbal comments made and will address those in the Final MND/IS. Therefore, staff encourages the public to submit written comments to ensure that their specific comments are represented in the project record and addressed in the Final MND/IS.

## **Project Background**

The City of Pacifica intends to construct and utilize the proposed wet weather flow equalization basin ("EQ basin") and associated pipelines (together referred to as "the Project") as a key element to mitigate storm-related sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) in the City's wastewater

collection system and reduce peak wet weather flows to the City's Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant. The City is subject to infiltration and inflow of extraneous groundwater and stormwater into the sanitary sewer collection system, resulting in high wet weather flows during storm events. As a result, SSOs have occurred at several locations in the system during large storms.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) to the City in May 2011. The City entered into a Consent Decree with Our Children's Earth Foundation in June 2011, requiring it to implement a number of measures targeted at reducing SSOs.

In October 2011, the City completed the Collection System Master Plan – one of the requirements presented in the CDO and Consent Decree. The Master Plan evaluated several system-wide alternatives in eliminating SSOs and identified that the most viable alternative was to implement various Collection System Capacity Improvements which include sanitary sewer main upgrades and the construction of the EQ basin in the vicinity of the Linda Mar pump station.

## **Project Description**

The Project would include construction of the following components:

- Installation of a 2.1-million-gallon capacity EQ basin;
- Two diversion structures to passively divert excess flows and transport the flow via a conveyance pipeline to the EQ basin during storm events;
- An effluent conveyance pipeline routing flows to the existing Crespi Drive sanitary sewer line and Linda Mar Blvd. pump station,
- A 10-foot tall motor control center building equipped with a 4-foot-high metal antenna;
- A ventilation and odor-control system; and
- A potable-water-supplied cleaning system within the EQ basin.

The EQ basin would be located within the parking lot for the City of Pacifica's Skatepark and immediately southwest of the Community Center (located at 540 Crespi Drive). The proposed two diversion structures and conveyance pipelines to and from the EQ basin would be constructed in City-owned rights-of-way or public utility easements. During construction of the EQ basin, the Skatepark parking lot would be closed to the public, and normal parking in this area would be diverted to the Crespi Parking Lot west of the Community Center. Following completion of EQ basin construction, the Skatepark parking lot would be reconstructed over the EQ basin structure.