

November 16, 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)
AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA), and the authority California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the CEQA Guidelines of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, City Staff has analyzed the request for ZON2011-00326, a Coastal Permit and an Environmental Assessment for the San Ramon Storm Drain Improvement and Emergency Slope Stabilization Project. The project commences in San Ramon Canyon near the PV Drive East upper switchback and extends in a southerly direction under Palos Verdes Drive South, underground through Shoreline Park, and terminating at the base of the bluff at the beach in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

The project is described as:

The installation of a new mid-canyon storm drain inlet near the upper switchback of Palos Verdes Drive East; tunnel alignment from the mid-canyon inlet north of 25th Street that would gravity flow through the tunnel to a cut and covered section of buried pipe located south of Palos Verdes Drive South; transition into a second tunnel to a new outlet structure at the base of the bluff at the beach. The total storm drain alignment will measure approximately 4,200 lineal feet. The existing storm drain below 25th Street in the City of Los Angeles would remain in place and no improvements are proposed to this segment, but will be utilized and serve as a backup system.

The new outlet at the beach lies seaward of the Coastal Setback Line (CSL), within an **Appealable Area** of the City's Coastal Specific Plan district.

After reviewing the Initial Study and any applicable mitigating measures for the project, City Staff has determined that this project, as mitigated, will not have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared consistent with CEQA requirements, and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been prepared consistent with NEPA requirements.

A public hearing will be held before the City Council to discuss the Coastal Permit, and the related MND and FONSI, on **Tuesday, December 20, 2011**, at 7:00 p.m. at Hesse Park Community Building, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes.

Public comments will be received by the City prior to final approval of the Coastal Permit, MND and FONSI, for a period of at least 30 days, through December 16, 2011. Although comments

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will be received through December 16th, to ensure inclusion of your comments with the Staff Report the City requests that written comments be provided to the city by noon on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Written comments submitted after the December 13th noon deadline will be given to the City Council prior to the December 20th meeting.

Any interested person may appeal the decision of the City Council to the California Coastal Commission.

Please note that written materials, including emails, submitted to the City are public records and may be posted on the City's website. In addition, City meetings may be televised and may be accessed through the City's website. Accordingly, you may wish to omit personal information from your oral presentation or written materials as it may become part of the public record regarding an item on the agenda. Additionally, a Staff Report will be prepared for the December 20th City Council meeting. On December 16, 2011, said report will be available for viewing on the City's website (<http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/>). Alternatively, a copy of the Staff Report can also be viewed at the Community Development Department at City Hall on the same date.

A copy of all relevant material, including the San Ramon Canyon Storm Drain Improvements and Emergency Slope Stabilization project is on CD and available at the Public Works Department and the Community Development Department at City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes. CD's are available for pickup between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on Friday. Furthermore, the document is available for public review on the City's website. To access the document on the City's Website or other information regarding the proposed project, log on to www.palosverdes.com/rpv, click on City Departments, and then click on Public Works. The link to the San Ramon Canyon Project is under the Current Projects section in the middle of the page.

If you have any questions, please contact Senior Planner Eduardo Schonborn, AICP, at (310) 544-5228 or via e-mail at eduardos@rpv.com. You may also contact Project Manager Alan Braatvedt at (310) 544-5252, or via email at alanb@rpv.com.

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STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65009 NOTICE: If you challenge this application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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