

**SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 11.1
(ID # 14353)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 23, 2021

FROM: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: PUBLIC HEARING - Adopt Resolution No. F2021-02 for the El Cerrito Restoration Project Pursuant to Section 18 of the District Act, CEQA Exempt, Project No. 2-0-00110, District 2. [\$0] (Clerk to File CEQA Notice of Exemption)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the El Cerrito Restoration Project (Project) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15302(c) and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. Adopt Resolution No. F2021-02, which finds the Project is exempt from CEQA, is in compliance with Section 18 of the District Act, complies with the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and approves the Project;
3. Authorize the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) to proceed with the Project; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk within five working days of approval by the Board.

ACTION: Policy

Jason Uhley, GENERAL MGR-CHF FLD CNTRL ENG

3/10/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 23, 2021
xc: Flood, Recorder

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By:
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 20/21	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The District proposes to carry out the Project, which will increase the flow capacity of the El Cerrito Channel so that it can safely convey 100-year storm flows. Currently, a portion of the existing concrete-lined trapezoidal channel experiences overtopping during 100-year storm events. This overtopping poses a flood threat to adjacent property owners. The Project will essentially reshape a portion of the channel to allow it to convey 100-year storm flows without overtopping. The existing concrete-lined trapezoidal channel will be removed and replaced with a concrete-lined rectangular channel, and the Quebec Avenue bridge over the channel will be replaced. The Project will maintain the same alignment as the existing channel and does not require any additional right of way. The cost of implementing the Project is estimated at \$1,750,000.00 and is included in the District's Zone 2 budget.

CEQA

The Project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Section 15302(c), which specifically exempts "Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity." This exemption applies as the El Cerrito Channel is an existing District facility that will be replaced with a similar facility of slightly greater capacity. The overall width, length and alignment of the channel will remain largely unchanged and any increase in size is negligible. The Quebec Avenue bridge will be replaced with a very similarly sized reinforced concrete culvert that will not increase the capacity of the bridge or roadway.

None of the exceptions to Section 15302(c) as outlined in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines apply to the Project. Further, due to the nature of the Project, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment, therefore, it is also consistent with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. As such, in accordance with CEQA a Notice of Exemption has been prepared by the District and should be filed with the County Clerk by the Clerk of the Board no more than five days after the date of the Project approval

Impact on Residents and Businesses

N/A

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Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. F2021-02
2. Project Map and Cross Section
3. Engineer's Statement
4. Declaration of Postings for the El Cerrito Branch Library, the County Clerk and the District
5. Notice of Exemption (Clerk of the Board to file)
6. Authorization to Bill for NOE Filing Fee



Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst 3/17/2021



Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel 3/11/2021

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT****RESOLUTION NO. F2021-02****COMPLYING WITH SECTION 18 OF THE DISTRICT ACT;
ADOPTING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE
EL CERRITO RESTORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND APPROVING EL CERRITO
RESTORATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. F2021-01 pursuant to Section 18 of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act ("District Act") which requires the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("District") to give notice of its intention to construct a project in Zone 2, within the unincorporated El Cerrito area, designated as the El Cerrito Restoration Project ("Project") and giving further notice that the Project would be considered at a public hearing on March 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Project is generally bounded to the west by Ontario Avenue, to the east by Minnesota Road, to the north by Quebec Avenue and to the south by Minnesota Road; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of improvements to El Cerrito Channel, which will improve the overall safety and functionality of the structure. Specific measures to be implemented include replacing the existing trapezoidal channel with a rectangular open box channel and replacing the Quebec Avenue bridge; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Section 18 public hearing was properly made, as required by law, and all persons desiring to be heard on the matter were given the opportunity to appear and present testimony, both oral and written, on March 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the District is the Lead Agency for the Project; and

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: LEILA J. MOSHREF-DANESH DATE 3/10/21

1 **WHEREAS**, the Project will not adversely affect special status species, disturb or remove
2 hazardous materials, or result in significant cumulative impacts; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the
4 District has reviewed the Project and determined that it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State
5 CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(c) "Replacement or Reconstruction" because the Project
6 involves replacement of an existing trapezoidal flood control channel with a rectangular flood
7 control channel located within the same site. Additionally, Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common
8 Sense Exemption", also applies; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, all provisions of CEQA and the District Rules to Implement the CEQA have
11 been satisfied; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the District is an active participant and Permittee in the Western Riverside
13 County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP); and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Project is in compliance with Sections 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.3.2, 6.1.4, 7.0 and
15 Appendix C of the MSHCP as the Project will not have any environmental impacts.
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** by the
18 Board of Supervisors of the District in regular session assembled on March 23, 2021 based upon
19 the evidence and testimony presented on the matter, both written and oral, that:

20 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
21 2. The Project is in compliance with Section 18 of the District Act.
22 3. The Section 18 Map with an illustration of the Project's cross sections is attached
23 herein as Attachment "A"; the Engineer's Statement is attached herein as Attachment "B"; and the
24 Declaration of Postings for the El Cerrito Branch Public Library, the County Clerk and the District
25 are attached herein as Attachment "C".
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27 4. The environmental impacts of the Project have been sufficiently assessed, and a
28 determination has been made that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to

1 Sections 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the Project is consistent with guidelines set
2 forth in the referenced Sections of the CEQA Guidelines as detailed in the Notice of Exemption
3 incorporated herein by reference.

4 5. All obligations set forth to the District pursuant to applicable sections of the
5 MSHCP have been analyzed and shall be implemented by the District as prescribed in the MSHCP
6 Implementation Agreement.

7 6. The Project is approved, and the District is hereby authorized to proceed with the
8 Project.

9 7. The custodians of the documents and materials that constitute the record of
10 proceedings on which this decision is based are with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and the
11 District. These documents and materials are located at 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California
12 ("Clerk") and 1995 Market Street, Riverside, California ("District"). This information is provided
13 in compliance with Public Resources Code §21081.6.

14 8. The Board of Supervisors hereby directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption
15 (Attachment "D") with the Riverside County Clerk's Office and the Office of Planning and
16 Research within five (5) working days of adoption of this Resolution.

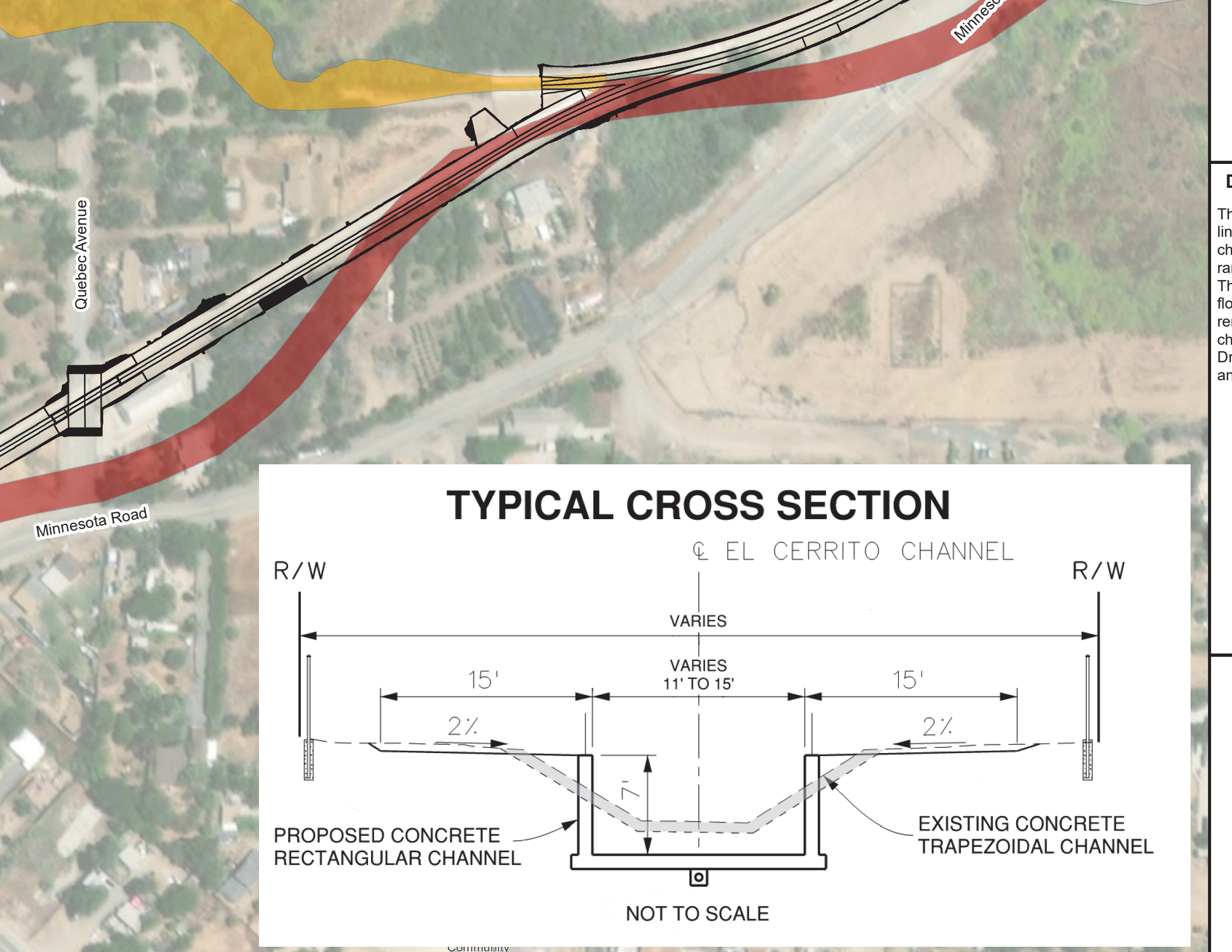
17 ROLL CALL:

18 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
19 Nays: None
20 Absent: None

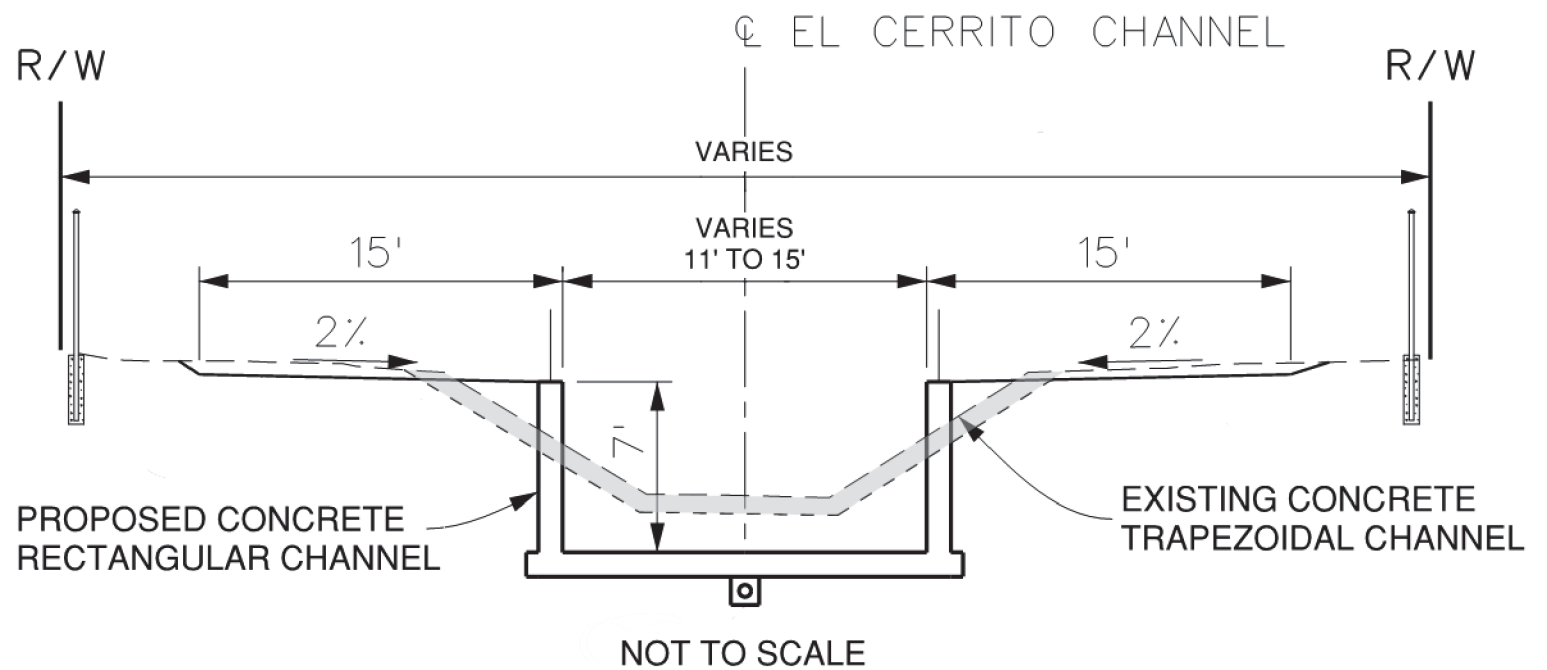
21 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution
22 duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set
23 forth.

24 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board

25 By 
26 Deputy



TYPICAL CROSS SECTION



El Cerrito Channel Restoration, Stage 90
Project No. 2-0-00110-90
Engineer's Statement

The proposed El Cerrito Channel Restoration Project is located south east of the City of Corona, California in Unincorporated Riverside County. The project site is generally bounded by Temescal Canyon Road to the West, Minnesota Road to the East and South, and Hillside Street to the North. The proposed project will replace approximately 1,900 lineal feet of the existing concrete trapezoidal channel with an open concrete rectangular channel that will convey flows primarily from Corona Drains East Ontario Avenue Storm Drain northeasterly to Temescal Creek.

The proposed open concrete rectangular channel will measure 11 to 15 feet in width by 7 feet in depth and shall be constructed along the same alignment as the existing facility. The proposed rectangular channel will increase channel capacity to safely convey the 100-year storm flows with adequate freeboard. Additionally, the existing Quebec Avenue crossing will also be reconstructed to accommodate the new facility. The completed project will improve public safety by providing flood protection and consequently remove the existing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain adjacent to the project site.

The estimated project cost is \$1,750,000.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

(Original copy, duly executed, must be attached to original at the time of filing)

I, Elizabeth Esquivel Acosta, do hereby certify that I am not
(NAME AND TITLE)
a party to the within action or proceeding; that on 2/25/21, I posted a
(DATE)
copy of the following document:

**RESOLUTION NO. F2021-01 SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE EL
CERRITO CHANNEL RESTORATION PROJECT (CEQA EXEMPT); THEREFORE, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18 OF THE DISTRICT ACT AND THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

by posting at County Clerk and Recorder
2724 Gateway Dr, Riverside CA 92507

Date: 2/25/2021

E. Esquivel
(Signature)

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

(Original copy, duly executed, must be attached to original at the time of filing)

I, Andrew Marshall, Associate Planner for El Cerrito Library
(NAME AND TITLE), do hereby certify that I am not
a party to the within action or proceeding; that on 2/25/21, I posted a
(DATE)
copy of the following document:

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by posting at El Cerrito Public Library
7581 Rudell rd, Corona, CA 92881

Date: 2/25/21



(Signature)

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

(Original copy, duly executed, must be attached to original at the time of filing)

I, Robin Pierce, Secretary /, do hereby certify that I am not
(NAME AND TITLE)
a party to the within action or proceeding; that on Feb. 8, 2021, I posted a
(DATE)
copy of the following document:

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CERRITO CHANNEL RESTORATION PROJECT (CEQA EXEMPT); THEREFORE, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18 OF THE DISTRICT ACT AND THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

by posting at RCFC
1995 Market St
Riv. 92801

Date: 2/8/21

Robin Pierce
(Signature)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: x **On file at District Office**
Riverside County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501

**Lead Agency: Riverside County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District**
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501
Contact: Drew Marshall, 951.955.4643

____ **County Clerk**
County of Riverside
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Original Negative Declaration/Notice of
Determination was routed to County
Clerks for posting on:

3/25/21
Date

YPR
Initial

Project Title: El Cerrito Channel Restoration Project

Project Location – The unincorporated El Cerrito Community in Riverside County

The project is located within existing Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) right of way for the El Cerrito Channel. The project area is linear, approximately 0.4 miles long, running west to east. It is bounded by Ontario Avenue to the west and Minnesota Road to the east. The project is located within Township 4 South, Range 6 West, Sections 8 and 9 of the Corona South USGS 7.5 Series Topographic Quadrangle map. The latitude/longitude for the project is 33° 50' 15.42" N by 117° 31' 11.12" W.

Project Description and Existing Setting: The District proposes to replace the existing El Cerrito Channel with a new design better able to convey 100-year storm flows. The reconstructed channel will have an approximately eight percent greater capacity, gained by converting the existing trapezoidal concrete channel to a rectangular concrete channel. The footprint of the existing channel will not be expanded.

Public Agency Implementing the Project: Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District


Exempt Status: Class 2 Categorical Exemption [Section 15302 (c)] and the General Rule/Common Sense Exemption [Section 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project is exempt because it is consistent with the CEQA Class 2 Categorical Exemption 15302 (c), which exempts "Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity." Based on the project's scope and setting, there are no applicable exceptions to the exemption listed in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Additionally, the District has determined that the project is exempt because it meets the criteria set forth in the "General Rule" Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, which states that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential of causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, therefore, it is not subject to CEQA.

Based upon the exemptions identified above, the District hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Lead Agency Signature:


JOAN VALLE
Chief of Regulatory
Riverside County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District

Date:

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

AUTHORIZATION TO BILL

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TO BE FILLED OUT BY SUBMITTING AGENCY

DATE: 12/3/2020 BUSINESS UNIT/AGENCY: FLOOD CONTROL - FCARC

ACCOUNTING STRING:

ACCOUNT: 526410 FUND: 25120
DEPT ID: 947420 PROGRAM: _____

AMOUNT: \$50.00

REF:

CEQA POSTING (NOTICE OF EXEMPTION) FILING FEE FOR EL CERRITO CHANNEL RESTORATION PROJECT
AUTHORIZATION TO BILL FOR CDFW FILING FEES PROJECT NO. 222-2-8-00110-90-30-0000-922

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE AN INVOICE FOR PAYMENT OF ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED:

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AUTHORIZED BY: JEANINE REY EXT 51264 *Jeanine Rey 12/3/2010*
PRESENTED BY: DREW MARSHALL Ext 54643
CONTACT: DREW MARSHALL Ext 54643

TO BE FILLED OUT BY COUNTY CLERK

ACCEPTED BY: _____

DATE: _____

DOCUMENT NO(S)/INVOICE NO(S): _____
