



RIO HONDO/SAN GABRIEL RIVER  
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

May 27, 2025

**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the  
Encanto Park Regional Stormwater Capture Project**

The Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Watershed Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared and plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Encanto Park Regional Stormwater Capture Project (project), which is located in the City of Duarte (City). JPA is hereby notifying agencies and members of the public that may be interested in the project as to the availability of the MND, and the procedures for public review and comment on the document.

**Project Location:** The project is located within the southwestern portion of Encanto Park, a recreation facility maintained by the City. The park is in a developed area along the City's eastern boundary with the City of Azusa that mostly features single-family residential uses. The park is trapezoid-shaped and is bounded by Encanto Parkway on the southeast and by single-family residential properties on all other sides. A channelized part of the San Gabriel River is across Encanto Parkway from the project site.

**Project Description:** The project would build a stormwater capture, treatment, and infiltration facility within Encanto Park, and implement other park improvements. The system would intercept flows from storm drains beneath the park and pump the water to an underground reservoir installed beneath the park's field. An outflow pipe would convey excess water from the reservoir during storms. Park improvements include field surface replacement; parking lot improvements; tree replacement; and a water bottle filling station and educational kiosk.

**Environmental Effects:** The MND identifies potentially significant impacts with respect to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project that reduce or avoid the impacts.

**Availability of Document:** The MND is being made available for public review commencing on May 27, 2025, and ending on June 25, 2025. The MND and supporting appendices are available for review at the JPA's website: <https://www.rhsgrwma.org/encantoparkmnd>. A hard copy of the MND is also available at City of Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010.

**Comments:** The JPA will be accepting written comments on the MND for consideration prior to adoption of the document.

**Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 25, 2025**, and can be mailed or emailed to:

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If emailing, please include **"Encanto Park Project MND Comments" in the email subject line.**

**Public Hearing:** JPA will hear public comments on the MND and consider adoption of the MND at their meeting on July 16, 2025. The agenda with the location of the meeting will be posted at [RHSGRWMA.org](https://www.rhsgrwma.org) 72-hours prior to the meeting.