NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Name of Project: Furman Park Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project (CIP 22-14)

Applications: Mitigated Negative Declaration

Location: 10419 Rives Avenue, Downey, CA 90241

Zoning/Land Use: R-1 (Single Family Residential) / Open Space

Project Description: The City of Downey (City) proposes to construct a regional stormwater runoff capture facility within Furman Park to provide multiple benefits including improved flood control, water quality, and water supply (through infiltration to groundwater), as shown on **Exhibit 1.** The stormwater facility would involve construction of a stormwater diversion structure, which would divert water from an existing LACFCD 96" storm drainpipe located along Florence Avenue and convey stormwater to an underground capture, treatment, and infiltration facility situated beneath the existing baseball fields. The Project would provide in-kind replacement of the existing baseball field facilities due to the placement of the basin. The Project would also include site enhancements, such as proposed fencing along the field perimeters, new ball field and trail lighting, and bleachers. Additionally, the Project would include a walking path and habitat garden along the northern perimeter of the site as a new passive recreation opportunity in the park. The proposed Project would be constructed in two phases lasting a total of approximately 18 months, anticipated to begin in early 2026.

The Project is partially funded by the Los Angeles County SCWP, which aims to plan, build, and maintain multi-benefit watershed-based projects that improve water quality and increase water supply and/or enhance communities. The SCWP is developed in collaboration with public health, environmental groups, cities, businesses, labor, and community-based organizations. The Project site has the potential to provide significant benefits for the City, including treatment of a sizable drainage area of 475 acres, which can offer runoff storage and water quality benefits. The Project would also address the additional need for stormwater management and treat stormwater pollutants of concern (primarily zinc and copper) within the area.

Applicant: City of Downey

Lead Agency: City of Downey

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Review Period: September 15, 2025 to October 14, 2025 (30 days)

The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration will be circulated for a 30-day review period. Written comments must be received by the City of Downey Public Works Department prior to 5:00 p.m. on the last date of the public review period.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of this review is to allow public agencies and interested members of the public the opportunity to share expertise, disclose agency analysis, check for accuracy, detect omissions, discover public concerns, and solicit counter-proposals pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15200 (Purpose of Review)

IS/MND Materials Available: https://downeygis.org/ceqa/ceqa.pdf

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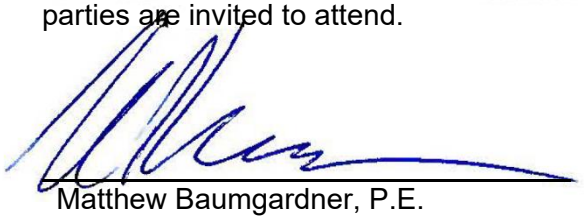
Documents Available for review at:

City of Downey City Hall
Public Works Department
11111 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90241

Downey Library
11121 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90241

Barbara J. Riley
Community/Senior Center
7810 Quill Drive
Dowey, CA 90242

Public Outreach Scheduled: The City of Downey has scheduled a public town hall meeting on September 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in the Diane Boggs Auditorium at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center located at 7810 Quill Drive, Downey, CA 90242. All interested parties are invited to attend.



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