



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Walnut Basin Project

Date: February 24, 2026

To: State Agencies, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Local and Public Agencies, and Interested Organizations and Individuals

Project Title: Walnut Basin Project

Project Location: The project area is located along Main Street in Hesperia, in San Bernardino County, approximately 0.2 mile west from the intersection of 11th Avenue and Main Street at assessor's parcel numbers 0408-182-14, 0408-182-10, and 0408-182-02 (see **Figure 1**). The project area's latitude and longitude are 34°25'33.64"N, 117°19'42.14"W. The project area is located within the United State Geological Survey 7.5 Minute, Hesperia, California Quadrangle (2015), Section 20 of Township 4 North, Range 4 West.

Project Description: The City of Hesperia is proposing the construction of a new sediment and debris basin to improve flood control and sediment management in the downtown area of the City of Hesperia (project). The proposed sediment and debris basin would consist of a primary trapezoidal sloped inlet facility on the south end of the basin at Walnut Street and include access roads around the basin as well as a maintenance road that extends into the bottom of the basin to allow for basin maintenance and sediment removal. The sediment and debris basin is designed to provide approximately 23,000 cubic yards (14.26 acre-feet) of debris storage, with erosion control rip rap, maintenance access roads, and an outlet structure that would connect to the existing dual 10-foot-diameter pipes.

The sediment and debris basin would be designed to reduce runoff velocities and flow capacities, allowing sediment to settle from runoff prior to entering the storm drain system. In addition, a 5-foot-high stabilized earth berm would be designed to convey flows through the sediment and debris basin and allow for sediment deposit. The sediment and debris basin would be 24 feet deep with a 3-foot-deep concrete spillway to convey the flows into the existing dual storm drain pipes. A low flow outlet would be provided at the base of the spillway to convey small storm drain events and to drain the sediment and debris basin after a storm event.

Environmental Review and Public Comments: Circulation of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is to encourage written public comments. The comment period on the IS/MND is available for a 30-day public review period beginning **February 24, 2026** through **March 26, 2026**, at 5:00 p.m. Please submit comments in writing via email to jrichard@hesperiacalifornia.gov or via mail to:

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Document Availability: The IS/MND and other supporting documents are available for review at City of Hesperia Planning Division, 9700 Seventh Avenue Hesperia, CA 92345 and may also be accessed on the City of Hesperia's website at: <https://www.hesperica.gov/1466/Environmental-Review-Documents>

Sincerely,

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Data Source: ESRI 2025



**FIGURE 1. PROJECT LOCATION
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