

**CITY OF EL MONTE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

LEAD AGENCY: City of El Monte Public Works Division

PROJECT TITLE: Merced Avenue Stormwater Capture Project CUP No. 089

PROJECT LOCATION: City-owned El Monte Storm Drain between Merced Avenue and Brockway Street, El Monte, California (APNs: 858-100-9900, 858-101-0900, 858-101-1902, 858-101-0033, 858-100-9902, and 858-100-9903).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This is a Notice of Intent (NOI) of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) to notify the public that the City of El Monte, as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared an IS-MND for a proposed project consisting of improvements to the City-owned El Monte Storm Drain between Merced Avenue and Brockway Street (Project). The Project proposes replacement of the existing concrete channel with a subsurface reinforced box culvert, installation of stormwater quality improvements including a bioswale and stormwater capture system, and construction of pedestrian improvements including a shared use path connecting Merced Linear Park to the Rio Hondo River Trail.

The approximately 2.56-acre Project site is located in the southwestern portion of the City within an urbanized area and is designated Public and Institutional by the City's Land Use Policy Plan. The site is currently developed with a concrete channel, maintenance road, and associated stormwater infrastructure. Surrounding uses include residential development to the north and south. Construction is anticipated to occur from May 2027 through December 2028.

APPLICANT: **Craftwater/** Tim Fairbank

PROPERTY OWNER: City of El Monte

PUBLIC REVIEW/COMMENT PERIOD:

The City of El Monte Public Works Division invites written comments on issues related to potential environmental impacts during the 30-day comment period, which starts on **September 2, 2026, and will conclude on October 2, 2026**. The IS-MND be viewed online on the City website at: <https://www.ci.el-monte.ca.us/499/Current-Projects>

A hardcopy of the IS-MND and related documents are available for review at the following locations during the regular business hours:

City Hall West
Planning Division
11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, CA
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
(Monday thru Thursday)

El Monte Library
3224 Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA
12 p.m. to 8 p.m. (only Tues)
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Wed thru Sat)

Norwood Library
4550 Peck Road
El Monte, CA
12 p.m. to 8 p.m. (only Tues)
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Wed thru Sat)

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible time but no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice, and no later than 5:00 PM on September 28, 2026. Please send written/typed comments (including a name, telephone number, email, and any other contact information) to the following:

(PLEASE SEE REVERSE)

Jerry Moreno
626-580-2058
City of El Monte – Public Works Division
11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, California 91731

You may also email your response to jmmoreno@elmonteca.gov
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