

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 1, 2012

Interested Parties:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Regional Board) Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21092 and Cal. Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15072 – CEQA Guidelines) intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Rice Creek restoration project.

The Rice Creek restoration project consists of the re-alignment of Rice Creek, a tributary of the Ventura River, from an artificial channel back into its native, natural channel. The project also includes planting approximately 10,000 native plants along the restored stream. The draft initial study is available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/401_water_quality_certification/index.shtml

The Los Angeles Regional Board has proposed that a MND be adopted for the Rice Creek Restoration project because the mitigation measures outlined in the draft initial study will reduce any potential significant adverse effects to a level less than significant.

The review period for the public, responsible agencies and trustee agencies is provided for under Section 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines. Written comments received during the public review period will be considered in determining if the Los Angeles Regional Board adopts the mitigated negative declaration, amends it or requires the preparation of an EIR. Comments must be received by **5pm November 1, 2012**.

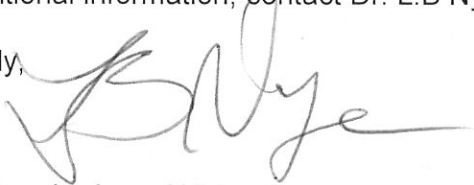
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Sincerely,



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