



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
Ventura County Watershed Protection District**

What's Being Done?

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District proposes to increase the flow capacity of the existing J Street Drain to accommodate runoff from a 100-year storm event, thereby reducing potential flooding in residential and commercial areas of the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme. The Drain would be maintained according to best management practices identified in the adopted Final Program Environmental Impact Report for Environmental Protection Measures for the Ongoing Routing Operations and Maintenance Program (May 2008). The J Street Drain Project also includes an Emergency Action Plan (EAP). The EAP defines a set of extreme environmental conditions that together constitute an emergency, triggering a predetermined list of actions to temporarily connect the lagoon to the ocean, preventing flooding of developed properties. The existing, and proposed, end of the Drain is at Ormond Lagoon, an environmentally sensitive coastal wetland.

The project will be constructed in four phases and is anticipated to begin in January 2011. Each phase will take approximately 12 months to complete. Work will start at the lagoon end of the Drain (Phase I) and proceed upstream.

Where is the Project Located?

The project is located in the median between the north and south bound traffic lanes of J Street. The project is primarily located in the City of Oxnard; however, south of Hueneme Road, the Drain forms the boundary between the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme. The project extends between Redwood Street on the north and Ormond Lagoon/Pacific Ocean on the south.

Why A Public Notice?

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District intends to certify an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the *J Street Drain Project*. The proposed project would result in potential adverse impacts to visual resources, biological resources, water resources, air quality, transportation and circulation, noise, geology and soils, public health, and cultural resources. With the exception of noise, all adverse impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level. The report concludes that the project does not occur on any hazardous materials sites.

Where You Can Review the Report?

The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

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| 1. Watershed Protection District | 800 S. Victoria Ave | Ventura |
| 2. Oxnard Public Library - Main Branch | 251 South 'A' Street | Oxnard |
| 3. Oxnard Public Library - S. Oxnard Branch | 200 East Bard Road | Oxnard |
| 4. Port Hueneme-Preuter Library | 510 Park Avenue | Port Hueneme |
| 5. Albert H. Soliz Library | 2820 Jourdan Street | Oxnard |
| 6. H.P. Wright Library | 57 Day Road | Ventura |
| 7. E.P. Foster Library | 651 E. Main Street | Ventura |

Via Internet: www.istreetdrain.com or www.vcwatershed.org (click on "What's New")

*Documents referenced in the EIR are available by request at the Watershed Protection District.

How Can You Participate?

The public review period for this EIR is November 2, 2009 to December 16, 2009. During this time, anyone may comment on the EIR by writing to:

Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Attention: Angela Bonfiglio Allen
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1610

A public meeting to present the project and the CEQA process will be held during the public review period. This meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Port Hueneme City Council Chamber located at 250 North Ventura Road in Port Hueneme.

An Environmental Report Review Committee (ERRC) public meeting will be held in the Multi Purpose Room of the Ventura County Hall of Administration on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 1:30 PM. This meeting will evaluate the technical adequacy of the EIR. Public comment and participation is encouraged.

Contacts

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Thank you for your interest in this Watershed Protection District project!