

# REVISED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**PROJECT:** BIG CANYON CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Newport Beach

**AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS:** The Initial Study for this Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at:

Public Works Counter  
City of Newport Beach  
3300 Newport Blvd  
Newport Beach, CA 92663

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The City of Newport Beach proposes to restore Big Canyon Creek within the existing nature park between Jamboree Road and Back Bay Drive. Under the General Plan and the Coastal Land Use Plan, the area is designated Open Space.

The proposed project would consist of the following:

- Create approximately 2 acres of freshwater marsh.
- Restore 3.6 acres of historic tidal wetlands at the mouth of Big Canyon
- Realign Back Bay Drive to follow the historical tidal boundary at the mouth of Big Canyon
- Regrade Big Canyon Creek as a flood control conveyance and replant riparian habitat along the creek banks.
- Create additional shallow freshwater marsh habitat at the lower end of the flood control conveyance.
- Excavate a sediment basin at the upper end of Big Canyon to provide a sediment management function and open water habitat.
- Remove invasive species throughout the Canyon and replant with native vegetation.
- Provide interpretive signage and coordinated trail and maintenance access
- Provide and repair maintenance service access roads and repair or upgrade any incidental facilities to meet codes and safety requirements

A copy of the Initial Study is attached. Questions or comments regarding this Initial Study/Revised Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/RNMD) may be addressed to:

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Pursuant to Section 21082.1 of the CEQA, the City of Newport Beach has independently reviewed and analyzed the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project and finds that these documents reflect the independent judgment of the City of Newport Beach. The City of Newport Beach, as lead agency, also confirms that the project mitigation measures detailed in these documents are feasible and will be implemented as stated in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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Dave Lepo, Planning Director  
City of Newport Beach

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Dave Kiff, Assistant City Manager  
City of Newport Beach

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