



City of Huntington Beach

2000 MAIN STREET

CALIFORNIA 92648

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

June 18, 2008

To: Interested Parties

**SUBJECT: Public Notice Of Availability
Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 08-003 (Talbert Lake Diversion Project)**

Notice is hereby given by the Department of Planning of the City of Huntington Beach that the following Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared:

Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 08-003 analyzes The potential environmental impacts associated with a proposed Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board-approved Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) involving the construction of a natural treatment system in the northeastern corner of Central Park in Huntington Beach, on the eastern side of Goldenwest Street. The proposed project would divert up to 3 million gallons per day (mgd) of dry weather flows from the East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel (EGGWC) into a newly constructed treatment wetlands system for water quality improvement purposes. The constructed wetlands would be located in the northeastern corner of Central Park (between Slater Avenue and Talbert Avenue to the north and south, and Goldenwest Street and Gothard Street to the west and east. Project components include the construction of a diversion structure such as a rubber dam within the EGGWC to divert dry weather flows either into an existing water line in Goldenwest Street, or the existing storm drain system within Gothard Street, for transport to the newly constructed treatment wetlands within Central Park. These treatment wetlands would consist of three linear wetland features encompassing open water and channel areas and channels through which diverted channel flows would move and be subjected to a series of natural treatment processes improving overall water quality.

The City of Huntington Beach is the lead agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days commencing Thursday, June 19, 2008 and ending Friday, July 18, 2008.

A copy of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration is on file with the Planning Department, City of Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California. A copy of Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 08-003 is also available for review at the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California, the City Clerk's Office, 2000 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Huntington Beach, California and on the internet at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/eac/EAC.cfm> .

A public information and comment meeting will be held during the review period to provide an overview of the project and take comments related to the environmental issues analyzed within the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The comment meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 beginning at 6:00 PM in Room C/D of the Central Library located at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. Subsequent to the comment period, a public hearing will be scheduled before the City of Huntington Beach Zoning Administrator. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for early August 2008.