



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY & PUBLIC MEETING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

SCR-3 Levee Improvements Downstream Of Union Pacific Railroad (SCR-3) Project Ventura County Watershed Protection District

What's Being Done?

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD) is proposing to construct structural improvements to the existing SCR-3 levee system to enable it to withstand a one percent annual chance flood event (a.k.a. 100-year flood event). The proposed project includes raising portions of the existing earthen levee between Victoria Avenue and N. Ventura Road, including filling in the drainage swale within the City of Oxnard River Ridge Golf Course (Option 1B; Reaches 1-3). Between the golf course and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) bridge (Reach 4), a floodwall would be constructed along N. Ventura Road. The floodwall would be located on the river side of N. Ventura Road for approximately 968 feet with a visible height of six feet. The floodwall would then cross N. Ventura Road at the high point in the road. A six-foot-high flood gate would be installed at this roadway crossing. In its normal position, the gate would be flat and act as the roadway surface, floating and rotating upwards when flood waters rise. The floodwall would then continue along the top of the existing slope on the south side (land side) of N. Ventura Road for approximately 888 feet, then transition to a 40-foot-long earthen embankment abutting and perpendicular to the south UPRR embankment. A similar 40-foot-long earthen embankment would be constructed on UPRR land northeast of the railroad embankment to tie into the flood protection structure to be constructed by The Village development. The land side floodwall would vary in height from six feet down to four feet near the El Rio Drain. The project is anticipated to start construction in 2016 and will take about 27 months to complete. VCWPD, acting as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment.

Where is the Project Located?

The project is located in unincorporated Ventura County with components also located within the City of Oxnard. The proposed levee alignment generally proceeds along the southern bank of the Santa Clara River, between the UPRR bridge and Bailard Landfill.

Why A Public Notice?

VCWPD intends to certify an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the SCR-3 Project. The project would result in potential adverse impacts to scenic resources, daytime glare, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards, noise and vibration, transportation and circulation, utilities, flood control and drainage, and recreation. Most adverse impacts can be mitigated to a less-than-significant level; however, significant and unavoidable scenic resources and construction noise impacts would occur in Reach 4.

Where Can You 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. Ventura County Clerk | 800 S. Victoria Ave | Ventura |
| 3. Oxnard Main Public Library | 251 South A Street | Oxnard |
| 4. Albert H. Soliz Library | 2820 Jourdan Street | Oxnard |
| 5. South Branch Oxnard Library | 4300 Saviers Road | Oxnard |
| 6. Colonia Branch Oxnard Library | 1500 Camino del Sol #26 | Oxnard |

Via internet: www.vclevees.com

How Can You Participate?

The public review period for the Draft EIR is December 7, 2015 through January 22, 2016. All comments must be received by 5:00 PM, **January 22, 2016**. Please send written comments by fax to 805-654-3350, by email to Angela.Bonfiglio@ventura.org, or by mail to:

Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Attn: Angela Bonfiglio Allen
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A **Public Meeting** will be held to review the results of the Draft EIR and allow interested parties an opportunity to provide comments on the Draft EIR. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Marriott Residence Inn – Jr. Ballroom, 2101 W. Vineyard Avenue, Oxnard.

Contact

For more information, please contact Angela Bonfiglio Allen, Environmental Planner, at **805-477-7175**.

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