



**NOTICE OF PREPARATION &
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
Santa Clara River Levee Improvements Downstream
of Union Pacific Railroad (SCR-3) Project
Ventura County Watershed Protection District**

What is Being Done?

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD), acting as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed SCR-3 Project may have significant effects on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared.

The purpose of the project is provide continuous flood protection to properties in the City of Oxnard along the SCR-3 levee that would otherwise require flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program. The project would be designed to achieve compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) levee certification requirements, as identified in 44 CFR §65.10, through implementation of 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). Additionally, the design would accommodate a future bikeway along N. Ventura Road in support of the City of Oxnard's Santa Clara River Trail Master Plan. Construction is anticipated to start in 2016 and take approximately 27 months to complete.

Where is the Project Located?

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

Why A Public Notice?

The VCWPD would like to request assistance with identifying the scope and content of the environmental information that should be addressed in the EIR. The Initial Study analysis indicates the project may result in adverse impacts to air quality, biological resources, scenic resources, liquefaction, hazardous waste, noise and vibration, public health, transportation and circulation, utilities, and flood control/drainage. These topics will be addressed further in the EIR.

Where Can You Review the Report?

The Initial Study is available for review at the following locations:

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| 1. Watershed Protection District | 800 S. Victoria Avenue | Ventura |
| 2. Ventura County Clerk | 800 S. Victoria Avenue | 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 this Initial Study is February 26, 2015, to March 27, 2015. All comments must be received by 5:00 PM, **March 27, 2015**. Please send written comments via mail to:

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

A **Public Scoping Meeting** to solicit input on the scope of the EIR will be held **Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in the Marriott Residence Inn – Jr. Ballroom, 2101 W Vineyard Ave., Oxnard.

Contact

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

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