

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Title: San Diego River Watershed Invasive Non-Native Plant Control and Restoration Program

Project Location: The lower San Diego River Watershed from El Capitan Dam to Ocean Beach and including parts of the cities of San Diego, Santee and the unincorporated County of San Diego.

Lead Agency: San Diego River Conservancy

RELEASE DATE: Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego River Conservancy (Conservancy), an independent, non-regulatory agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California, is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Section 21000 et seq., Title 14 of the California Public Resources Code) and in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* (Section 15000 et seq., California Code of Regulations, Title 14). The Project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Project Description

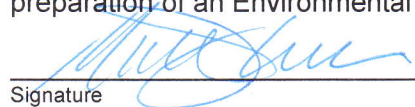
The San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC) has proposed this program of invasive non-native plant control for purposes of habitat restoration, water conservation, and flood/fire risk reduction in the lower San Diego River Watershed. The project involves grant and mitigation funding to the San Diego River Conservancy (a state agency) and its partners, for the restoration of riparian habitat in the San Diego River Watershed through the control of invasive non-native plants (mainly *Arundo donax* and Pampas grass) and the planting of native species.

Environmental Review and Comment

The Initial Study for the project evaluated potential environmental effects of the project and no significant impacts were identified. On the basis of the Initial Study, a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared. The Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are being circulated for public review and comment and are available for review at the San Diego River Conservancy's Administrative Office located at 1350 Front Street, #3024 San Diego, CA 92101 and the Conservancy's website at www.sdrc.ca.gov. ***Written comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted to Mr. Mike Nelson, Executive Officer, San Diego River Conservancy, 1350 Front Street, Suite 3024, San Diego, CA 92101 or (mnelson@sdrc.ca.gov) on or prior to August 8, 2009.*** Comments of all responsible agencies are also requested.

At its meeting on **September 3, 2009 at 9:30am at 202 C Street, 12 floor**, the Governing Board of the San Diego River Conservancy will hold a public hearing and consider the project, the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and any comments received. If the Governing Board finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Governing Board may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Signature



Michael J. Nelson, Executive Officer

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