Scoping Meeting Overview

- Project Description
- Environmental Review Process
- Scoping Meeting Purpose
- How do I comment?
Presentation Overview

- Storm Water Runoff & System
- T&SW’s Storm Water Management Strategy
- Proposed Waterways Maintenance Plan
- Public Input and Dialogue
  - Project-level Analysis
System Overview

- Storm Water Runoff
- System contains
  - ~50 miles of streams and channels
  - ~20 miles of brow ditches and box culverts
  - ~770 miles of storm drains
  - ~47,000 structures, including 5,000+ outlets
Holistic Storm Water Management Strategy
Waterways Maintenance Plan

Objectives

• Protect the public’s safety, life and property by reducing flood risks
• Provide efficient and responsive action to maintain facilities
• Avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential effects to environmental resources
• Streamline regulatory approvals to allow for proactive maintenance where appropriate
Waterways Maintenance Plan Development

**Prioritization**
- Inspections
- Maintenance History
- Public Input

**Planning**
- Hydrology & Hydraulics
- CEQA
- Regulatory Framework
- Public Input

**Design**
- Hydrology & Hydraulics
- Biology
- Water Quality
- Public Input

**Mitigation**
- Identification
- Design

**Approvals**
- CEQA
- Permitting
- Public Input

**Additiona Coordination**
- Potential Capital Projects
- Drainage Master Plans
- Water Quality Improvement Plans

**WMP O&M Work Flow**
Maintenance Activities

• Project-level maintenance
  • Current or historic flood risk areas
    • 26 miles of channels
    • 23 outfalls and inlets
  • Project-level assessments and design/planning

• City-Wide Maintenance Activities
  • Minor Maintenance
  • Invasive Plant Removal
  • Emergency Maintenance
  • Additional/Amended FMPs
Facility Maintenance Plans

• Facility Description
  • As-built information
  • History/frequency of maintenance
  • Prior mitigation for channel impacts

• Maintenance Footprint
  • Access>Loading & Staging/Stockpile Areas

• Maintenance Methods
  • Duration/Process/Sequence
  • Equipment
  • BMPs/Species Protection/Monitoring

• Technical Summary
Regulatory Permit Requirements

• City of San Diego
  • Long-term SDP/CDP
  • Maintenance Authorizations
    • Process 1
    • Process 2

• Regulatory Agencies
  • Programmatic Permits
    • RGP, 401Certification, Section 7 Consultation, MSAA, & CDP
  • 5-year Term
  • Routine notification/verification process
Project-Level Analysis

• Hydrology & Hydraulics
  • Will maintenance reduce flood risk?
  • Options for minimizing maintenance footprint
  • Varying levels of analysis based on biological sensitivity & channel characteristics
  • Identify areas for channel improvements
Water Quality Protection

- Site-specific consideration of water quality conditions
  - Facility Maintenance Plans
  - Water Pollution Control Plan
- Upstream and downstream domain of analysis
- Program coordination
  - Water Quality Improvement Plans
  - Drainage Master Plans
  - Capital Improvement Program Projects
  - Stream Restoration/Mitigation
Project-Level Analysis

• Biological Surveys
  • Baseline vegetation/jurisdictional delineation
  • Ultimate vegetation
  • Focused special-status avian surveys

• Avoidance, minimization and mitigation
Mitigation Opportunities

- Existing Mitigation Sites
  - Peñasquitos
  - Stadium
  - Tijuana River

- Sites in Development
  - South Chollas Creek
  - Paradise Canyon
  - Jamacha Canyon
  - Otay River

- Chollas Watershed Drainage Plan
EIR Purpose

- Discloses project impacts to public and decision makers.
- Identifies ways to avoid or reduce environmental impacts.
- Analyzes alternatives.
- Fosters interagency coordination and public review/participation.
Notice of Preparation

- Contains a brief description of the project, its location, and where documents relating to the project can be found.
- Notifies responsible agencies and other interested parties that an EIR will be prepared.
- Solicits input regarding the scope, focus, and content of the upcoming EIR.
- Distributed for a 30-day public review period.
Environmental Review Process

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - Inform public and decision makers of potential environmental impacts
  - Encourage public involvement

- Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
  - Analyze potential impacts and mitigation measures
  - Analyze cumulative impacts and alternatives to the proposed project
Overview of the EIR and Public Hearing Process

- Spring 2017: Project Description Development
- July 12, 2017: Notice of Preparation (30 Days)
- July 25, 2017: Scoping Meeting 1
  August 1, 2017: Scoping Meeting 2
- Fall - Winter 2017: Prepare Draft EIR
- Spring 2018: Public Review of Draft EIR
- Summer 2018: Community Planner Committee (CPC)
- Summer 2018: Planning Commission
- Fall 2018: City Council (Action Item)
Purpose of Scoping Meeting

Receive public input on the scope of environmental issues in the Draft EIR:

- Land Use and Planning
- Aesthetics / Neighborhood Character
- Air Quality / Odor
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Biological Resources
- Historical / Tribal Cultural Resources
- Geology / Soils
- Water Quality
- Noise
- Paleontological Resources
- Health and Safety
- Solid Waste
Alternatives

- Consider range of reasonable alternatives
  - Avoids or lessens an impact
  - Feasible
  - Meet most of the project’s objectives
- Mandatory alternatives
  - No Project Alternative
  - Identify Environmentally Superior Alternative
EIR Scoping Comments due by Friday, August 11

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Focused Subject Area Tables

- CEQA/EIR Public Participation
- Project Description/Proposed Maintenance Activities
- Flood Risk Reduction and Prioritization
- Water Quality Protection
- Biological Resource Avoidance / Minimization / Mitigation