UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX Southern California Field Office
600 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1460
Los Angeles, CA 90017

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For the

City of Westminster – Water Quality Improvement Pilot Project for Stormwater Cleanup

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering an award to the City of Westminster to fund design and construction of a storm drain system. The proposed project involves the retrofit of existing stormwater catch basins and construction of a storm drain system. The storm drain system will discharge into the Westminster Channel which ultimately drains to the Pacific Ocean at Anaheim Bay in the City of Seal Beach. The Westminster Pilot Project for Stormwater clean up in the City of Westminster will also determine the amount of debris and contaminants that can be collected.

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION

The purpose of the Water Quality Improvement Pilot Project for Stormwater Cleanup is two-fold. One purpose is to reduce the existing flooding condition at the southern area of the drainage area by construction of a storm drain system. Additionally the project will determine the amount of debris and contaminants that can be collected using stormwater catch basin filter baskets and in-line stormwater debris interceptors. This project will reduce the amount of debris and containments that enter the Westminster Channel and the Pacific Ocean.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES AND CONDITIONS

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), which examined the potential environmental impacts and alternative from the proposed project. The EA considered a wide range of regulatory, environmental and socio-economic factors, including Land Use, Water Quality, Air Quality, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, Endangered Species, Environmental Justice, Resource Use Patterns, Noise and Visual Resources/Aesthetics. Based on information from the EA, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that the proposed project, the Westminster Water Quality Improvement Pilot Project for Storm Water Cleanup, will not pose significant impacts to the environment. EPA has determined that and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW

The EA is on file, along with other project materials, and is available for public inspection at the EPA Southern California Field Office in Los Angeles, CA. Copies of the EA are also available for public review at the City of Westminster, 8200 Westminster Blvd. Westminster, CA 92683

In addition, the EA will be posted on the EPA website at http://www.epa.gov/region09/nepa/epa-generated.html . To obtain additional information about the project, please contact Howard Kahan by email at: kahan.howard@epa.gov or by calling (213)244-1819.

All interested persons may submit comments to EPA Region 9 by August 17, 2007. No administrative action will be taken on this proposed project prior to the expiration of the comment period. Comments, via letter, fax or email, should be sent to Howard Kahan at the address listed below.

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FINDING

After EPA assesses any comments received, those comments, EPA's responses and this FONSI will be forwarded to the Regional Administrator for review and signature. If this FONSI is signed by the Regional Administrator, it will not be re-circulated for review, but will be available to any individual upon request.

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Wayne Nastri
Regional Administrator

Date