



Orange County Water District
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**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

This is to inform the general public that the Orange County Water District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project:

Project Title: **Santiago Basin Saddle Repair Project**

Project Description: The Proposed Project consists of the following: (1) reconstruct the flow equalization box culvert for protection of the saddle apron and (2) reconstruct failure slopes to (a) alleviate safety concerns when maintenance activities are occurring and (b) reduce risk of future slope failure that would harm or destroy riparian vegetation and environmental resources.

The Proposed Project activities include the dewatering of the basin, stabilization of the saddle side slopes, reconstruction of the saddle apron, reconstruction of an equalization box culvert for the protection of the saddle apron, and restoration of any vegetation removed for the Proposed Project.

Project Location: The proposed saddle repair activities would occur in the area between Blue Diamond Basin and Bond Basin at the Santiago Recharge Basins, in the City of Orange in Orange County. The Santiago Basins are bounded by Prospect Avenue to the west, Hewes Avenue to the east, Bond Avenue to the south and Villa Park Road to the north. The Project Site can be regionally accessed by State Route 55 via the Chapman Avenue exit. The Santiago Basins are located downstream of Villa Park Dam and Santiago Reservoir and receive incoming flows from Santiago Creek, which drains into and out of the basins. The Project Site is located at Township T4 South, Range R9 West on U.S.G.S. Quad Map for Orange.

Public Review Period: March 21, 2019 to April 19, 2019

Hearing Date: May 15, 2019 at 5:30p.m.



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Hearing Location: Orange County Water District
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The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study as well as all referenced documents will be available for public review at the Orange County Water District located at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley California and online at <https://www.ocwd.com/working-with-us/public-notices/>.

Please submit any comments on the Negative Declaration to the district on or before April 12, 2019. Please direct your comments to:
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If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact Shawn Nevill at (714) 378-3256.