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TO: ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTIES

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR THE 8TH STREET PARK PROJECT**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed project described below. Public notice is hereby given that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority ("MRCA") will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the proposed project.

Project Location

The project is located in the City of San Fernando at 8th Street on the west side of Pacoima Wash.

Project Description

On Friday April 1, 2005, the MRCA took title to the proposed project site, an undeveloped parcel approximately 3 acres in size. The proposed project is a joint-use multiple-benefit park project combining the creation of public park space with local stormwater treatment and infiltration. It is the conversion of an undeveloped parcel into a park that will also produce significant positive environmental benefits to a community with few public parks. The project will create a significant amount of natural habitat planted with native species. It will also positively impact water quality, flood protection and water conservation. There will be minor trail improvements, grading to create a bioswale and dry pond, and the addition of minor amenities related to passive park usage such as benches, interpretive markers and an information kiosk. The proposed stormwater capture system (BMP) will treat stormwater runoff from the adjacent residential neighborhood. Stormwater will be captured at 8th Street and Bromont Avenue, directed through a sand media filter and released into a bioswale and dry-pond combination for infiltration. Street-to-park transitions outside the site may be redesigned or altered.

Pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the MRCA, as Lead Agency, has analyzed the project and determined that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by the project proponent. Based on these findings, the Lead Agency has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Public Review

The review period begins May 16, 2005 and will end on June 6, 2005. The Notice of Intent and Initial Study are available for review at the following locations:

- Los Angeles County Clerk's Office, Environmental Filings – 12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1101 Norwalk, CA 90650
- Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority – 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90065

Comments must be delivered, in writing, by 5pm, June 6, 2005 to Barbara Romero, MRCA Project Manager at 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90065 or by fax to 323-221-9934.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled at the MRCA Governing Board Meeting on June 1, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at the Conejo Recreation and Park District headquarters at 403 Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. Please confirm public hearing date and location with Barbara Romero at 323-221-8900 x 188 or by email at barbara.romero@mrca.ca.gov