

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**City of Yucaipa**  
**Wildwood Creek Flood Mitigation Detention Basin Project**  
**PDMC-PJ-09-CA-2005-036**

The City of Yucaipa (City) has applied for funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, to conduct a stormwater management project within Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California. FEMA is proposing to fund the project through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. In recent years, winter storms and flash floods have caused Wildwood Creek to overflow onto City streets, parks, and private property. Structures along Wildwood Creek are subject to flood depths of 1.2 to 3.5 feet during a 100-year flood. Action is needed to reduce flooding hazards and help protect people and public and private property within the Wildwood Creek floodplain within the City.

Under the proposed action, the City would construct one desilting basin, two detention basins, and a natural bottom channel (bioretention swale) on approximately 20 to 25 acres in and adjacent to Wildwood Creek in the southeastern part of the City. The total 29.5-acre project area (including equipment and material staging areas) is bounded by Wildwood Canyon Road to the north, Holmes Street to the west, and Serape Drive to the southeast. The desilting basin would have a capacity of approximately 4 acre-feet. The detention basins would have capacities of approximately 30 and 45 acre-feet. The basins would be situated in series, with Wildwood Creek flowing into the desilting basin first, then westward to the 45-acre-foot detention basin, and then to the 30-acre-foot detention basin before continuing along the existing Wildwood Creek channel. The City proposes to construct an approximately 20-foot-wide bioretention swale to bypass the desilting and detention basins. The detention basins would be vegetated with native riparian vegetation or alluvial fan sage scrub. The desilting basin would not be vegetated. The side slopes of the bioretention swale would be revegetated with appropriate native riparian or alluvial fan sage scrub. Construction would generally occur during the dry months of March through October. Construction outside of the channel and basins could occur at other times of the year.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, FEMA has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Wildwood Creek Flood Mitigation Detention Basin Project (November 2007) to evaluate the impacts of the proposed action on the human environment. The SEA tiers from the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Typical Recurring Actions Flood, Earthquake, Fire, Rain, and Wind Disasters in California (December 2003) as Proposed by FEMA. The PEA and SEA are available online at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm>.

Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the PEA and SEA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared, based on the fact that there will be no long-term adverse impacts to the natural environment resulting from the proposed action. This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the final notice for compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990. Information required by 44 CFR Part 9.12(e) is provided in the SEA. For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.



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