

Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received an application for financial assistance from the Irvine Ranch Water District. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the EPA has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluates the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of awarding grant funds in the amount of \$992,800 to the Irvine Ranch Water District, to fund Site 62 of the San Diego Creek Watershed Natural Treatment System Project. The proposed project consists of constructed treatment wetland intended to improve water quality in San Diego Creek and Newport Bay in Orange County, California.

Copies of the EA and FONSI are available for review at the following locations:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/nepa/epa-generated.html>

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For further information contact Cheryl McGovern at (415) 972-3415. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to Cheryl McGovern at the above address by January 4, 2010.