
**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

This is to inform the general public that the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project:

Project Title: Santa Ana Sucker Habitat Protection and Beneficial Use Enhancement Project

Project Description: The proposed project involves the construction of a habitat structure that includes a partially submerged rock groin in the Santa Ana River. The purpose of the habitat structure is to enhance native fish habitat by creating localized erosion around the structure to expose existing gravel beds and cobbles, which is the preferred habitat of the Federal Listed Threatened Santa Ana Sucker.

Project Location: The project site is located 55 feet upstream of the Van Buren Bridge crossing over the Santa Ana River, within western Riverside County. The project site is located on the U.S. Geological Survey Riverside West Quadrangle Range 6 West, Township 2 South, and Section 25.

Public Review Period: Monday, October 30, 2017 to Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

Public Scoping Meeting: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California 92503.

Hearing Date: 9:30 AM Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California 92503.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study as well as all referenced documents will be available for public review at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California 92503 or on the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority website at <http://www.sawpa.org>.

Please submit any comments on the documents on or before Monday, November 27, 2017. Please direct your comments to Ian Achimore, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503 or iachimore@sawpa.org.