

March 4, 2011

Subject: East Garden Grove Wintersburg Pedestrian Access

Dear Huntington Beach Resident:

Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) plans to improve the East Garden Grove-Wintersburg Channel (C05 channel) from the Tidegates to Warner Avenue. This improvement project is contingent on a California Coastal Commission (CCC) Coastal Development Permit (CDP No. 5-09-209) approval. The current improvement proposal by OCFCD limits pedestrian access to the southern channel embankment from the proposed access ramp located near Bates Circle to the Tidegates. OCFCD has proposed a maintenance gate to restrict the general public from entering onto the levee maintenance road adjacent to residential dwellings.

CCC holds jurisdiction over the project reach from the Tidegates to Graham Street. On February 16, 2011, the CCC issued a tentative staff report requesting additional design features for the C05 Improvement Project. The CCC staff report is available at: <http://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2011/3/W10a-3-2011.pdf>. It requests continuous pedestrian access from Bates Circle to Graham Street on the southern embankment, (See Special Condition 1).

OCFCD is compelled to abide by the conditions of the Coastal Development Permit issued by the CCC. Therefore, in compliance with the CCC request, public access will be extended from the Tidegates to Graham Street on the southern embankment. The attached exhibit is an aerial view of the current proposed pedestrian access and the new pedestrian access reach. If you have any questions or concerns about the CCC's project permit conditions, please feel free to contact them at (562) 590-5071 and voice your opinions in regards to the aforementioned issues. CDP Hearing Date is March 9, 2011.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
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