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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION  
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
FOR THE LINDO LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT  
LAKESIDE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
MARCH 10, 2017**

The County of San Diego (County) is the lead agency in the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Lindo Lake Restoration Project as specified by section 15163 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

This notice is issued pursuant to Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines. It is intended to inform those persons and organizations that may be concerned with the environmental effects of the project. Those public agencies with specific statutory responsibilities are requested to indicate their specific role in the project approval process. The Environmental Review Update Checklist for this project can be reviewed at the Department of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Services, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410 San Diego, CA 92123, at the Lakeside Public Library at 9839 Vine Street, Lakeside, CA 92040, and on-line at <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/envrnsvcs.html>.

Because of the time limits mandated by State law, responses should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than April 11, 2017. Please send your response to:

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Department of Public Works, Environmental Services Unit  
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410  
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Attn: Kathy Barefield  
(858) 694-3904  
E-mail: [kathleen.barefield@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:kathleen.barefield@sdcounty.ca.gov)

A public meeting to discuss the project and the contents of the SEIR will be held on March 16, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Lakeside Community Center located at 9841 Vine Street, Lakeside, CA 92040.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

An EIR for improvements to Lindo Lake Park which included deepening and lining of the lake basins was certified by the Board of Supervisors on May 27, 1976. A Supplement to that EIR (SEIR) was prepared for improvements at Lindo Lake Park in conformance with a Park Master Plan dated January 1983. Those improvements also included draining and deepening of the lake basins.

The environmental document for the proposed project will be a Supplemental EIR as defined in Section 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Supplemental EIR is intended to allow the County to examine the environmental effects of the proposed Lindo Lake Restoration Project and to take steps to avoid environmental impacts.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed project is located at 12660 Lindo Lane in the Lakeside Planning Area in unincorporated east San Diego County.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The primary objective of the currently proposed project is to improve water quality in both lake basins by recontouring, deepening, and lining the basins, and improving circulation. Currently proposed improvements to Lindo Lake Park that are different from those proposed by previously approved projects include the following: vegetation removal associated with the basin grading; transport of some of the excavated basin material offsite; the addition of new hardscape, windmills, and tide gauges; a pre-fabricated pedestrian bridge and boardwalk, bird watching stations, and fishing piers; drainage improvements including sediment basins with associated fencing and gates; inlet protection and lake-top aeration; the elevation of the boat house foundation; landscaping, irrigation, and best management practices for erosion control.

## **POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

Preparation of the following environmental studies is currently underway: Biological, Cultural, and Jurisdictional Resource Reports, Greenhouse Gas Analysis, Soil Study, Groundwater Investigation, and a Traffic Control Plan. An analysis of these studies will be included in the SEIR document.

## Waters, Sue

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**From:** Barefield, Kathleen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** 'Janis Shackelford'  
**Cc:** Jones, Kimberly  
**Subject:** RE: Lindo Lake SEIR

Hi Janis,  
Thank you for your comments. We will keep these issues in mind while preparing the environmental document for the project.  
Thank you,  
Kathy

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**From:** Janis Shackelford [mailto:jgshackelford@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 11:32 PM  
**To:** Barefield, Kathleen  
**Subject:** Lindo Lake SEIR

April 10, 2017

TO: Kathleen Barefield, Project Manager

SUBJECT: Lindo Lake Restoration Project COFD7494-00004

Hello Kathleen,

These comments relate to the Notice of Preparation for the SEIR for the Lindo Lake Restoration Project and the Environmental Review Update Checklist.

Lindo Lake Park is an intensively utilized community park in the middle of the Lakeside Community Planning Area. The presence of the lake was a focal point during the establishment of the community and the community highly values the lake, its appearance and views of the lake from both on-site and off-site locations.

A landscaping plan with a planting legend has been developed for the restoration project. The planting legend features a pallet of trees, shrubs, and other plants that if followed, will seriously impact views of the lake when the plants mature. Placement of mounds of sediment are planned, the height of which is specified not to exceed the elevation of the surrounding roadways. Yet, if these mounds are planted with the suggested shrubs and the "upland seed mix", views of the lake from off-site locations will no longer be possible.

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For this reason, the Environmental Review Update Checklist incorrectly concludes there will be no project impacts to 1. AESTHETICS. The proposed restoration landscape plan will impact the scenic vistas of the lake, and drastically change the existing visual character of the lake and views in the area.

Changes to the current mix of trees and grasses and low non-native ground-cover plants surrounding the lake have the potential to change the existing visual character of the lake and impact the current scenic vistas of the lake.

Submitted by,

Janis Shackelford

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El Cajon, CA 92021

## Waters, Sue

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**From:** Barefield, Kathleen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:14 AM  
**To:** 'Terry Burke-Eiserling'  
**Cc:** Janis Shackelford; Saumier, Bill; Bankston, Jill; Mosley, Deborah; Price, Jennifer; Jones, Kimberly; Pickett, Jacob  
**Subject:** RE: Lindo Lake Restoration Project - questions and comments

Hi Terry,

Thank you for your comments. I did receive your email dated March 27<sup>th</sup> as well. Since many of your comments relate to project design and operation I forwarded your comments to the project manager in the Department of Parks and Recreation. I know that he has been working on responses to your comments. Furthermore, we will keep your comments in mind when preparing the environmental document.

Thanks again,  
Kathy

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**From:** Terry Burke-Eiserling [mailto:tburkeiserling@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 7:13 PM  
**To:** Barefield, Kathleen  
**Cc:** Janis Shackelford  
**Subject:** Lindo Lake Restoration Project - questions and comments

Hello Kathy,

Regarding the ongoing check of the sedimentation being annual or increased frequency. Who will be taking those measurements and who will determine the frequency...based on rain or changes in the topography?

A concern is when sedimentation levels require removal...  
How is the bentinight (sp) seal not broken???

Along those same lines....

If the dredging is on-going at the pace of every 5 years....how will it be paid for? Via a trust fund or savings account and what would be the down time for the park when this re-occurs?

I know down time cannot probably be addressed, so just ignore that thought...but it is a concern about how it would be paid for given the current and projected costs.

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Planting roots can probably break through the seal of the bentinight (sp). As plants grow roots tend to head to where there is water...what prevents the roots from damaging the bentinight (sp?) seal that is installed.

Another concern is if we do allow inflow of water from Lake Jennings and the Quagga mussel exists....is there any good documentation that a filtration system has the ability to stop these suckers? Also is the filtration system clean and changed out and what is the frequency? Is there a double filter system so that one is cleaned the other is in place to catch the mussels, and then the other in place to replace or clean the secondary filter. Even if the filtering is the responsibility of the water district don't you want to know when its done, what the findings are, and how often? This has long term consequences if not done correctly or timely.

The Sheriffs Lt. Stubkjaer is concerned about the plantings too! By blocking views and allowing the homeless to make hide outs....so was this addressed? As a senior and someone who is in the park frequently I wouldn't want to worry...right now I feel like when I walk the space is open enough for bad guys not to hide out.

The Windmills are in or out but they are addressed in this report...so is there an alternative plan. My big concern is vandalism...I just can't get away from that question when I know what has happened at the National Little League fields and at Cactus Park with the removal of wiring and what ever else can be stolen. I have to say little has happened at the skatepark of significance...so blessed we are.

I wasn't so sure you got this the first time I sent it, though when I double checked the address to you looked correct.  
So this is my feedback.

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Lakeside resident and volunteer

## Waters, Sue

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**From:** Barefield, Kathleen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 7:52 AM  
**To:** 'Billy Ortiz'  
**Cc:** Jones, Kimberly  
**Subject:** RE: Lindo Lake Restoration Project

Hi Billy,  
Thanks for your email. We will give consideration to your comments when we prepare the environmental document for the project.  
Thank you,  
Kathy Barefield

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**From:** Billy Ortiz [mailto:w.ortiz1@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:42 PM  
**To:** Barefield, Kathleen  
**Subject:** Lindo Lake Restoration Project

Attention Kathy Barefield,  
Regarding the Lindo Lake Restoration Project, I am concerned that the the delicate ecosystem for all migratory birds will be critically disrupted if and earth plants and trees are removed.  
The migratory birds protection act states that it is unlawful to disturb, remove or destroy migratory birds habitat. Lindo lake has been for thousands of years just that, a place for migratory birds such as the Black Necked Stilts, Avocets, and other shore birds to nest and raise their young. The shallow water in the basins East and West are ideal for shore birds because of the shallow marshlands created by silt basins and yearly flooding of said areas. To disturb any of it would be a tragedy that can never be replaced or mitigated.  
Preserve our migratory birthday habitat for generations to come.  
Best regards.

Billy Ortiz  
Wildlife/Environmental Advocate and  
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