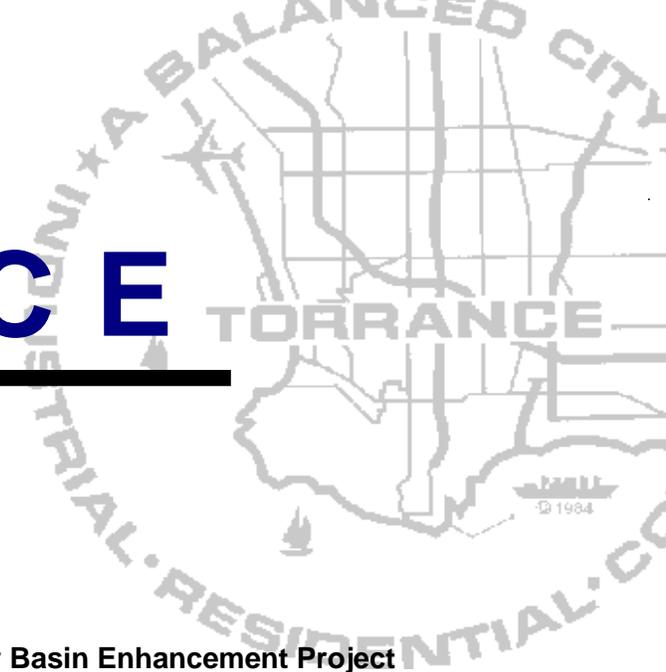


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City of Torrance Marks Completion of Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project

Torrance, Calif., Sept. 1, 2015 – On Tuesday, Sept. 1, the City of Torrance marked the completion of the Stormwater Basin Enhancement Projects at the Amie, Entradero and Henrietta Stormwater Basins with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that took place during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The ceremony included a video feature about the project, as well as a live broadcast from the Henrietta Basin to the Council Chambers.

South Bay cities are required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board of Los Angeles to treat storm water that may contain bacteria or otherwise prevent it from being discharged into the Santa Monica Bay. Through this project, the City has improved the Amie, Entradero and Henrietta Basins to provide natural treatment systems and to improve infiltration and groundwater recharge.

Other benefits of the project include water conservation, improved landscaping and aesthetics, habitat restoration and educational opportunities.

The Entradero Basin, located adjacent to Entradero Park, is open to the public with access to walking trails. The Henrietta Basin is available for field trips and learning opportunities by appointment only, and with the guidance of a City docent. The Amie Basin is not accessible to the public.

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The Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project was made possible with the help of a \$3.3 million grant provided by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, which selected the Amie, Henrietta and Entradero basins to receive the major improvements. An additional \$300,000 grant came from the Bureau of Reclamation, and the City contributed \$1.6 million.

In 2014, the project was recognized with the Storm Water Solutions Top Project Award, and was recently honored as the winner of the 2015 California Stormwater Quality Association's Outstanding Stormwater BMP Implementation Project Award.

The groundbreaking ceremony can be viewed on the City's website as part of the City Council meeting broadcast at www.TorranceCA.Gov/2372.htm.

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