

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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2019039010Project Title: El Cerrito Parks & Recreation Facilities Master PlanLead Agency: City of El CerritoContact Name: Christopher Jones, Recreation DirectorEmail: cjones@ci.el-cerrito.ca.usPhone Number: (510) 559-7005Project Location: El Cerrito*City*Contra Costa*County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

El Cerrito's Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan will shape the future of all of the City's parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities. El Cerrito's park and recreation system encompasses 16 City parks, one greenway, two special-use open spaces, and 15 recreation buildings. The City maintains and operates 175 acres of parkland, of which 102 acres remain dedicated open space. The City owns 155 acres of parkland and maintains 20 acres of parkland that is owned by the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) (6.5 acres), the City of Richmond (1.5 acres), and BART (12 acres). Overall, the City's recreation network receives active community use. However, aging amenities, significant deferred maintenance, and limited opportunity for program expansion negatively impact the City's provision of recreation services to the community. Additional funding is needed to provide recreation services for youth, teens, and adults which are a priority for the community. The Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan) assesses El Cerrito's parks and recreation needs, identifies maintenance measures and new improvements to meet these needs, and establishes a plan for long-term maintenance. The plan documents: 1) Current recreation, park, and open space assets; 2) Current recreation services provided by the City; 3) Current and future recreation opportunities; 4) Current and future maintenance needs; 5) Prioritized project recommendations for the maintenance, rehabilitation, and improvement of El Cerrito's parks and recreation facilities; and 6) Potential Funding Strategy for implementation of the Plan.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

- 1) Potentially Significant (PS): Sensitive Receptors Exposure. The contractor shall institute a dust control program following the Best Management Practices recommended by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District;
- 2) PS: Biological Resources. Pedestrian and park improvements may result in trimming or removal of trees, shrubs or weedy vegetation, which could provide habitat for nesting birds. Mitigations: avoiding Feb. 1 - Aug. 31 for removal or trimming except in cases of emergency; pre-construction survey for bats; a certified arborist will detail trees to be removed or affected and preserved within project site and a tree replacement ratio will be developed; have arborist assess and mitigate potential tree root damage within each project site;
- 3) PS: Archaeological & Paleontological Resources. Work may impact a known petroglyph boulder. The Plan states that disturbance to the petroglyph will be avoided and it will be fenced off during any nearby work. If unknown archaeological or paleontological resources are encountered, activities within 100 feet of site will cease until a qualified archaeologist determines if further study is required and appropriate actions based on what they discover will be implemented. Contracts will include a "Inadvertent Discovery Clause";
- 4) PS: Human Remains. If human remains are found, work will stop and the Contra Costa Coroner's office shall be notified. If remains are Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission shall be notified;
- 5) PS: Seismic Activity: Geotechnical investigations shall be conducted, to identify design and implement measures to mitigate impacts associated with poor soil conditions, unstable slopes, landslides, ground shaking, and ground failure;
- 6) PS: Hazardous materials. No disturbance of contaminated soils will be permitted unless an approved site cleanup and remediation plan has been implemented. Community Garden soil will be tested before edibles are planted;
- 7) PS: Construction Noise: all contractors will be required to submit a noise control plan

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no major areas of controversy in this Plan. Some members of the public may object to the usage of artificial turf for play fields because they want to preserve natural surfaces. Some members may be concerned about lighted fields as well for fear of light pollution in their homes or increased noise. Some members of the public may oppose bicycle or mixed use trails in the Hillside Natural Area. The Plan identifies standards and best practices to be used during the design development process to address these issues.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

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