

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Palo Corona Regional Park General Development Plan

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Project Location: County of Monterey

City

County

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

The General Development Plan (GDP) was commissioned by the District to investigate the range of recreational opportunities appropriate for the Park through site assessment, master planning, and public outreach. It provides a planning blueprint for conservation, stewardship, and public access to manage the 4,585-acre Park. As stated in the GDP, the Park is to be maintained for public enjoyment and its natural resources protected in perpetuity, and must provide recreation, educational, and research opportunities while conserving and/or restoring the land's valuable natural resources.

The preferred alternative, analyzed in the IS-MND as the GDP, includes improvements and additions to the Park's trail network, renovation and re-use of facilities, an off-leash dog park, and new community involvement and revenue generation opportunities. The primary focus of the GDP is on hiking and passive recreation on the existing trail network, but also includes plans for expanded day-use amenities and facilities. Park improvements would occur in Rancho Cañada, Front Ranch, and Back County units. The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration analyzes all individual proposed projects that are expected to have a physical effect on the environment. Adoption of the GDP would not directly involve the construction of proposed improvement projects, but would rather facilitate the future development of such improvements.

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

The IS-MND determined that the project could have potentially significant environmental impacts in the following areas: Aesthetics; Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils; Recreation; Tribal Cultural Resources; and Mandatory Findings of Significance. The IS-MND finds that the impacts associated with the GDP would either be less than significant or less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

Mitigation measures required to reduce impacts to a less than significant level include lighting specifications (AES-1); architectural history consultation (CUL-1); an archaeological resources assessment for projects that would intensify the land use (CUL-2); archaeological resource avoidance (CUL-3); archaeological resource phase II evaluation if the phase I identifies that resources may be affected by the project (CUL-4); archaeological resource monitoring (CUL-5); arrangements for inadvertent discovery of cultural resources (CUL-6); paleontological resources survey and inventory report (GEO-1); paleontological construction monitoring (GEO-2); development of a tribal cultural resource plan (TCR-1); and suspension of work around tribal cultural resources if identified during project construction (TRC-2).

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

None.

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

Monterey County