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Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document, together with the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), constitutes the Final IS/MND for the Greenwood Park Project (proposed project) in El Dorado County, California. The contents of this document are as follows:

Section A, Introduction: This section provides a description of the Final IS/MND contents and process.

Section B, Responses to Comments on the Draft IS/MND: This section provides the comments received on the Draft IS/MND and the Georgetown Divide Recreation District (GDRD) responses to each comment. Comments were received from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation, and Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

The preparation of errata to the Draft IS/MND was not warranted. The publicly-circulated Draft IS/MND remains unaltered.

1.2 INITIAL STUDY PUBLIC REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Pursuant to Section 15073 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute and Guidelines (State CEQA Guidelines), the Draft IS/MND was made available to the public for review and comment. As part of the public review process, the Draft IS/MND was sent to the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2019099056), along with the required Notice of Completion and Summary Form. GDRD and the State Clearinghouse circulated the Draft IS/MND from September 17, 2019 through October 16, 2019 which provided all parties with at least 30 days to review the document. In addition, the Draft IS/MND was circulated to responsible agencies and other public agencies having legal jurisdiction over the environment affected by the proposed project. Notices of Availability of the Draft IS/MND were posted at the project site, Greenwood Schoolhouse, 4065 Main Street, Greenwood, CA 95635, at the U.S. Post Office, 3811 CA-193, Greenwood, CA 95635, and at four other community bulletin boards. The notice was published in the newspaper the week of September 23, 2019.

The Final IS/MND has been provided directly to the commenting agencies (Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation, and Governor's Office of Planning and Research). In addition, the entire Final IS/MND is available for review at the GDRD office, as described below:

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The GDRD Board of Directors will consider whether to approve the Final IS/MND as complete and in compliance with CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines and must consider it in approving or denying the proposed project. Public input is allowed at the public hearing at which the Board of Directors will consider this IS/MND and the project's related discretionary actions. In the Board's review of the proposed project, environmental, economic and social factors will be considered to determine the most appropriate course of action. After consideration of the IS/MND and public input, the Board of Directors may decide to approve the IS/MND and project. If the project is approved, a Notice of Determination (NOD) will be filed with the County Clerk.

2.0 RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

Pursuant to Section 15073(a) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the Greenwood Park Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse Number 2019029042) was circulated for public review for a 30-day comment period from September 17, 2019 to October 16, 2019. Comments were received from following the individuals, organizations, or public agencies below during the public circulation period.

During the public review period comment letters were received on the Draft IS/MND from the public agencies listed below. All comment letters are included in Appendix B

Letter	Date	Public Agency Name	Address
A	October 2, 2019	Central Valley Water Quality Control Board	11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
B	October 9, 2019	California Department of Transportation	703 B Street Marysville, CA 95901
C	October 17, 2019	Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit	1400 Tenth Street P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Each comment letter was assigned an alphabetical designation in the order of the date the letter was received, and each comment in the letter was numbered. The following pages provide the comment letter, with comments labeled in the right-hand margin of each letter. GDRD's corresponding responses to each comment are provided on pages that follow.

When responses to comments warrant modifications to the Draft IS/MND, errata to the Draft IS/MND are typically included. In this case, upon review of the comment letters, no modifications or errata to the Draft IS/MND were necessary to clarify information. Comments and responses provide additional information, which are a part of this Final IS/MND.

2.1 Comment Letter A—Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

2 October 2019

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COMMENTS TO REQUEST FOR REVIEW FOR THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, GREENWOOD PARK PROJECT, SCH#2019099056, EL DORADO COUNTY

Pursuant to the State Clearinghouse's 17 September 2019 request, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the *Request for Review for the Mitigated Negative Declaration* for the Greenwood Park Project, located in El Dorado County.

Our agency is delegated with the responsibility of protecting the quality of surface and groundwaters of the state; therefore our comments will address concerns surrounding those issues.

I. Regulatory Setting

Basin Plan

The Central Valley Water Board is required to formulate and adopt Basin Plans for all areas within the Central Valley region under Section 13240 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Each Basin Plan must contain water quality objectives to ensure the reasonable protection of beneficial uses, as well as a program of implementation for achieving water quality objectives with the Basin Plans. Federal regulations require each state to adopt water quality standards to protect the public health or welfare, enhance the quality of water and serve the purposes of the Clean Water Act. In California, the beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and the Antidegradation Policy are the State's water quality standards. Water quality standards are also contained in the National Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.36, and the California Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.38.

The Basin Plan is subject to modification as necessary, considering applicable laws, policies, technologies, water quality conditions and priorities. The original Basin Plans were adopted in 1975, and have been updated and revised periodically as required, using Basin Plan amendments. Once the Central Valley Water Board has adopted a Basin Plan amendment in noticed public hearings, it must be approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and in some cases, the United States Environmental

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Protection Agency (USEPA). Basin Plan amendments only become effective after they have been approved by the OAL and in some cases, the USEPA. Every three (3) years, a review of the Basin Plan is completed that assesses the appropriateness of existing standards and evaluates and prioritizes Basin Planning issues. For more information on the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins*, please visit our website:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/

Antidegradation Considerations

All wastewater discharges must comply with the Antidegradation Policy (State Water Board Resolution 68-16) and the Antidegradation Implementation Policy contained in the Basin Plan. The Antidegradation Implementation Policy is available on page 74 at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/sacsjr_201805.pdf

In part it states:

Any discharge of waste to high quality waters must apply best practicable treatment or control not only to prevent a condition of pollution or nuisance from occurring, but also to maintain the highest water quality possible consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State.

This information must be presented as an analysis of the impacts and potential impacts of the discharge on water quality, as measured by background concentrations and applicable water quality objectives.

The antidegradation analysis is a mandatory element in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and land discharge Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) permitting processes. The environmental review document should evaluate potential impacts to both surface and groundwater quality.

II. Permitting Requirements

Construction Storm Water General Permit

Dischargers whose project disturb one or more acres of soil or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities (Construction General Permit), Construction General Permit Order No. 2009-009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading, grubbing, disturbances to the ground, such as stockpiling, or excavation, but does not include regular maintenance activities performed to restore the original line, grade, or capacity of the facility. The Construction General Permit requires the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). For more information on the Construction General Permit, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml

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Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits¹

The Phase I and II MS4 permits require the Permittees reduce pollutants and runoff flows from new development and redevelopment using Best Management Practices (BMPs) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). MS4 Permittees have their own development standards, also known as Low Impact Development (LID)/post-construction standards that include a hydromodification component. The MS4 permits also require specific design concepts for LID/post-construction BMPs in the early stages of a project during the entitlement and CEQA process and the development plan review process.

For more information on which Phase I MS4 Permit this project applies to, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/municipal_permits/

For more information on the Phase II MS4 permit and who it applies to, visit the State Water Resources Control Board at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml

Industrial Storm Water General Permit

Storm water discharges associated with industrial sites must comply with the regulations contained in the Industrial Storm Water General Permit Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ. For more information on the Industrial Storm Water General Permit, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/industrial_general_permits/index.shtml

Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit

If the project will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material in navigable waters or wetlands, a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act may be needed from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). If a Section 404 permit is required by the USACE, the Central Valley Water Board will review the permit application to ensure that discharge will not violate water quality standards. If the project requires surface water drainage realignment, the applicant is advised to contact the Department of Fish and Game for information on Streambed Alteration Permit requirements. If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water Act Section 404 permits, please contact the Regulatory Division of the Sacramento District of USACE at (916) 557-5250.

¹ Municipal Permits = The Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit covers medium sized Municipalities (serving between 100,000 and 250,000 people) and large sized municipalities (serving over 250,000 people). The Phase II MS4 provides coverage for small municipalities, including non-traditional Small MS4s, which include military bases, public campuses, prisons and hospitals.

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Clean Water Act Section 401 Permit – Water Quality Certification

If an USACE permit (e.g., Non-Reporting Nationwide Permit, Nationwide Permit, Letter of Permission, Individual Permit, Regional General Permit, Programmatic General Permit), or any other federal permit (e.g., Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act or Section 9 from the United States Coast Guard), is required for this project due to the disturbance of waters of the United States (such as streams and wetlands), then a Water Quality Certification must be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board prior to initiation of project activities. There are no waivers for 401 Water Quality Certifications. For more information on the Water Quality Certification, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/water_quality/certification/

Waste Discharge Requirements – Discharges to Waters of the State

If USACE determines that only non-jurisdictional waters of the State (i.e., “non-federal” waters of the State) are present in the proposed project area, the proposed project may require a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit to be issued by Central Valley Water Board. Under the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, discharges to all waters of the State, including all wetlands and other waters of the State including, but not limited to, isolated wetlands, are subject to State regulation. For more information on the Waste Discharges to Surface Water NPDES Program and WDR processes, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_surface_water/

Projects involving excavation or fill activities impacting less than 0.2 acre or 400 linear feet of non-jurisdictional waters of the state and projects involving dredging activities impacting less than 50 cubic yards of non-jurisdictional waters of the state may be eligible for coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ (General Order 2004-0004). For more information on the General Order 2004-0004, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf

Waste Discharge Requirements – Discharges to Land

Pursuant to the State Board’s Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy, the regulation of the septic system may be regulated under the local agency’s management program.

For more information on waste discharges to land, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_land/index.shtml

Dewatering Permit

If the proposed project includes construction or groundwater dewatering to be discharged to land, the proponent may apply for coverage under State Water Board

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General Water Quality Order (Low Risk General Order) 2003-0003 or the Central Valley Water Board's Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements (Low Risk Waiver) R5-2013-0145. Small temporary construction dewatering projects are projects that discharge groundwater to land from excavation activities or dewatering of underground utility vaults. Dischargers seeking coverage under the General Order or Waiver must file a Notice of Intent with the Central Valley Water Board prior to beginning discharge.

For more information regarding the Low Risk General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wgo/wgo2003-0003.pdf

For more information regarding the Low Risk Waiver and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2013-0145_res.pdf

Regulatory Compliance for Commercially Irrigated Agriculture

If the property will be used for commercial irrigated agricultural, the discharger will be required to obtain regulatory coverage under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.

There are two options to comply:

1. **Obtain Coverage Under a Coalition Group.** Join the local Coalition Group that supports land owners with the implementation of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The Coalition Group conducts water quality monitoring and reporting to the Central Valley Water Board on behalf of its growers. The Coalition Groups charge an annual membership fee, which varies by Coalition Group. To find the Coalition Group in your area, visit the Central Valley Water Board's website at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/regulatory_information/for_growers/coalition_groups/ or contact water board staff at (916) 464-4611 or via email at IrrLands@waterboards.ca.gov.
2. **Obtain Coverage Under the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Individual Growers, General Order R5-2013-0100.** Dischargers not participating in a third-party group (Coalition) are regulated individually. Depending on the specific site conditions, growers may be required to monitor runoff from their property, install monitoring wells, and submit a notice of intent, farm plan, and other action plans regarding their actions to comply with their General Order. Yearly costs would include State administrative fees (for example, annual fees for farm sizes from 11-100 acres are currently \$1,277 + \$8.53/Acre); the cost to prepare annual monitoring reports; and water quality monitoring costs. To enroll as an Individual Discharger under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, call the Central Valley Water Board phone line at (916) 464-4611 or e-mail board staff at IrrLands@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Limited Threat General NPDES Permit

If the proposed project includes construction dewatering and it is necessary to discharge the groundwater to waters of the United States, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Dewatering discharges are typically considered a low or limited threat to water quality and may be covered under the General Order for *Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water* (Limited Threat General Order). A complete Notice of Intent must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under the Limited Threat General Order. For more information regarding the Limited Threat General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2016-0076-01.pdf

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NPDES Permit

If the proposed project discharges waste that could affect the quality of surface waters of the State, other than into a community sewer system, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. A complete Report of Waste Discharge must be submitted with the Central Valley Water Board to obtain a NPDES Permit. For more information regarding the NPDES Permit and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/help/permit/>

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If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (916) 464-4812 or Jordan.Hensley@waterboards.ca.gov.



Jordan Hensley
Environmental Scientist

cc: State Clearinghouse unit, Governor's Office of Planning and Research,
Sacramento

Responses to Central Valley Water Quality Control Board

Response to Comment A1: As discussed in IS/MND Section IV, approximately 0.10 acre of riparian wetland and 0.09 acre of perennial drainage were delineated within the project site. Project development is anticipated to avoid these aquatic features and there would be a minimum 50' setback from the riparian area. Therefore, the need for authorization under Section 404 and the need to obtain Water Quality Certification are not anticipated. However, if final project design/construction would result in impacts to onsite aquatic resources, then implementation of mitigation measures BIO-4 and BIO-5 would reduce potential impacts to less than significant levels. BIO-4 states that if the project will result in impacts to regulated aquatic features, a Section 404 permit and 401 Water Quality Certification would be obtained as applicable and impacts to aquatic features on the site will also require preparation of a Streambed Alteration Notification for submittal to the CDFW. BIO-5 would require construction fencing installed a minimum of 50 feet from all aquatic resources or at the limits of construction. In addition, GDRD would be required to comply with the County Grading Permit, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRQB) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit, the County's construction and design standards, including BMPs, to ensure that water quality-related impacts remain less than significant.

Additional analyses related to water quality are presented within IS/MND Section IV, Biological Resources, Section IX, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Section XVIII, Utilities and Service Systems.

GDRD will apply applicable statutes and regulations pertaining to water quality. No modifications to the analyses or the findings of the IS/MND are warranted.

Response to Comment A2: Page 37 of the IS/MND notes that a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan would be implemented during construction to prevent erosion or siltation during construction.

Response to Comment A3: Page 37 of the IS/MND discusses post-construction low impact development features/BMPs. Post-construction low-impact development features/BMPs, such as bioswales, would be incorporated into project design to protect water quality, while construction BMPs detailed within the project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would be implemented during construction to prevent erosion or siltation during construction.

Response to Comment A4: The proposed project is not an industrial site, therefore, an Industrial Storm Water General Permit is not applicable.

Response to Comment A5: Please also see Response to Comment 1A regarding Section 404 and 401 and State permits. The proposed project does not include groundwater dewatering and is not subject to a dewatering permit.

Response to Comment A6: The proposed project does not include commercial irrigated agriculture; therefore, it is not subject to regulatory coverage under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.

Response to Comment A7: The proposed project does not include construction dewatering requiring discharge to waters of the U.S., therefore, it is not subject to a Limited Threat General NPDES Permit.

Response to Comment A8: The proposed project, a local park, does not include or require discharges of waste to the surface waters of the State. The project is not subject to a Report of Waste Discharge.

2.2 Comment Letter B—California Department of Transportation

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—CALIFORNIA STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

Gavin Newsom, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Carl Clark
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Dear Carl Clark:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) review process for the project referenced above. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans through the lenses of our mission and state planning priorities of infill, conservation, and travel-efficient development. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

The Georgetown Divide Recreation District (GDRD) proposes to expand Greenwood Park from one acre (in current recreational use) to approximately six acres, through the acquisition of three adjacent parcels (APN 074-173-09, APN 074-173-10, and APN 074-173-11) bordering the south and southwest sides of the project site. The project would also include the construction of youth sports fields (one multi-use field and one combined youth soccer/softball/baseball field) for day-time use. Other proposed improvements would include a restroom building, a parcourse exercise stations, picnic tables, bicycle parking, and parking lot.

Hydraulics

The proposed local park is not expected to generate significant peak flow that would require study of the impacts on state drainage facilities. The potential impacts may be less than significant.

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Traffic Operations - Highway

The Proposed Project would serve park users in the Georgetown Divide Recreation District (GDRD) area and, as a local park, is not expected to host regional games nor would proposed improvements draw park users from outside the region. Vehicle trips from outside of the district

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*"Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system
to enhance California's economy and livability"*

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or regional traffic is not anticipated. The Proposed Project's impact on vehicle miles traveled would be less than significant.

Project is not anticipated to generated significant weekday peak hour and/or weekend traffic that would require study of state facilities. No conflicts with plans, ordinances, or policies addressing the circulation system are anticipated and potential impacts would be less than significant.

Primary construction access is anticipated via Ricci Road and possibly via Main Street. Direct access to/from SR 193 is not anticipated.

System Planning

The project is not expected to have any significant impact on the state highway system.

Please provide our office with copies of any further actions regarding this project or future development of the property. We would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on any changes related to this development.

If you have any question regarding these comments or require additional information, please contact Amber Moran, Intergovernmental Review Coordinator for El Dorado County, by phone (530) 634-7624 or via email to amber.moran@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



KEVIN YOUNT, Branch Chief
Office of Transportation Planning
Regional Planning Branch—East

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Responses to California Department of Transportation

Response to Comment B1: This comment is noted. GDRD concurs that the proposed project is not expected to generate significant peak flow that would require study of the impacts on state drainage facilities and potential impacts on hydraulics may be less than significant. No changes to Section X. Hydrology and Water Quality are warranted.

Response to Comment B2: This comment is noted. GDRD acknowledges the California Department of Transportation's comments that the proposed project's impact on vehicle miles traveled would be less than significant and that it is not anticipated to generate significant weekday peak hour and/or weekend traffic that would require study of state facilities. No changes to Section XVII. Transportation are warranted.

Response to Comment B2: This comment is noted. GDRD acknowledges the California Department of Transportation's comments that the impacts on highway traffic operations would be less than significant. No changes to Section XVII. Transportation are warranted.

2.3 Comment Letter C—Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



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State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Kate Gordon
Director

October 17, 2019

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Subject: Greenwood Park
SCH#: 2019099056

Dear Carl Clark:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named MND to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on 10/16/2019, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) available on the CEQA database for your retrieval and use. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

Check the CEQA database for submitted comments for use in preparing your final environmental document: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019099056/2>. Should you need more information or clarification of the comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

cc: Resources Agency

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Response to Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit

Response to Comment C1: The comment letter is the standard form letter issued by the Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit. The letter acknowledges that the Draft IS/MND was circulated for public review in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, and that the GDRD has complied with review requirements in accordance with CEQA. Comments found in the link <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019099056/2> consisted of the letters received from Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Letter A) and California Department of Transportation (Letter B). No additional response is necessary.

Appendix A

Public Notice, Notice of Completion

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**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**for the
Greenwood Park Project**

Public Notice is hereby given that a Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is available for public review for the Greenwood Park Project (Proposed Project).

Project Location: The project site is located within the unincorporated community of Greenwood, in El Dorado County, California. The site is located within Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Sections 7 and 18 of the USGS 7.5-minute series *Greenwood* quadrangle. The approximate location of the project site is 38° 53' 52.585" North, 120° 54' 44.257" West.

Project Description: The Georgetown Divide Recreation District (GDRD) proposes to expand Greenwood Park from one acre (in current recreational use) to approximately six acres, through the acquisition of three adjacent parcels (APN 074-173-09, APN 074-173-10, and APN 074-173-11) bordering the south and southwest sides of the project site. The project would also include the construction of youth sports fields (one multi-use field and one combined youth soccer/softball/baseball field) for day-time use. Other proposed improvements would include a restroom building, a parcourse exercise stations, picnic tables, bicycle parking, and parking lot. The expansion of Greenwood Park would provide enhanced recreational opportunities to the local community and the Old Greenwood School House building and adjacent playground would be retained in their current condition for continued use by the community. The project would include demolition of an existing 2,300 square-foot El Dorado County Maintenance Facility building and another 2,400 square-foot El Dorado County Maintenance facility building would be retained by GDRD for storage. Two houses facing Main Street within the project site would be renovated for use by GDRD as office space and community meeting rooms. The project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code related to hazardous wastes.

Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period will extend for 30 calendar days in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(b) starting September 17, 2019 and ending October 16, 2019. The IS/MND is available for public review at the following locations:

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Comments/Questions: Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to: Carl Clark, Georgetown Divide Recreation District, 4401 State Route 193, Greenwood, CA 95635, Phone: (530) 823-9090 (office) or (530) 333-9500 (direct line), Email: carl.clark.sports@gmail.com. The comment review period begins on September 17, 2019 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on October 16, 2019.

Public Hearing/Meeting: The IS/MND is scheduled for consideration and possible adoption by the Georgetown Divide Recreation District Board of Directors on October 28, 2019. The Board meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. in the Greenwood Community Center, 4401 State Route 193, Greenwood, California, 95635. Interested parties should call the Georgetown Divide Recreation District at (530) 823-9090 to confirm meeting agendas, times, and dates.

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
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Project Title: Greenwood Park

Lead Agency: Georgetown Divide Recreation District

Contact Person: Carl Clark

Mailing Address: 4401 Highway 193

Phone: (530) 823-9090 (office) or (530) 333-9500 (direct)

City: Greenwood, CA

Zip: 95635

County: El Dorado

Project Location: County: El Dorado

City/Nearest Community: Greenwood

Cross Streets: Ricci Road and State Route 193

Zip Code: 95635

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 38 ° 53 ' 51.8 " N / 120 ° 54 ' 44.09 " W **Total Acres:** 8.1

Assessor's Parcel No.: See Attachment 1 for APNs.

Section: 7, 18

Twp.: 12N

Range: 10E

Base: Mt. Diablo

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 193

Waterways: Greenwood Creek

Airports: None

Railways: None

Schools: Divide High School

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP

☐ Draft EIR

NEPA: ☐ NOI

Other: ☐ Joint Document

☐ Early Cons

☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR

☐ EA

☐ Final Document

☐ Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.) _____

☐ Draft EIS

☐ Other: _____

☒ Mit Neg Dec

Other: _____

☐ FONSI

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update

☐ Specific Plan

☐ Rezone

☐ Annexation

☐ General Plan Amendment

☐ Master Plan

☐ Prezone

☐ Redevelopment

☐ General Plan Element

☐ Planned Unit Development

☐ Use Permit

☐ Coastal Permit

☐ Community Plan

☐ Site Plan

☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☒ Other: Park Expansion

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____

☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Transportation: Type _____

☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Mining: Mineral _____

☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Power: Type _____

MW _____

☐ Educational: _____

☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____

MGD _____

☒ Recreational: Expansion of local park from 1 acre to approximately 6 acres.

☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____

☐ Water Facilities: Type _____

MGD _____

☐ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual

☐ Fiscal

☒ Recreation/Parks

☒ Vegetation

☒ Agricultural Land

☒ Flood Plain/Flooding

☒ Schools/Universities

☒ Water Quality

☒ Air Quality

☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard

☒ Septic Systems

☒ Water Supply/Groundwater

☒ Archeological/Historical

☒ Geologic/Seismic

☒ Sewer Capacity

☒ Wetland/Riparian

☒ Biological Resources

☒ Minerals

☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading

☒ Growth Inducement

☐ Coastal Zone

☒ Noise

☒ Solid Waste

☒ Land Use

☒ Drainage/Absorption

☒ Population/Housing Balance

☒ Toxic/Hazardous

☒ Cumulative Effects

☐ Economic/Jobs

☒ Public Services/Facilities

☒ Traffic/Circulation

☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Industrial - Low (IL), One-Acre Residential (R1A)

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Please refer to Attachment 1 for complete project description.

SEP 17 2019

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	Other: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date September 17, 2019 Ending Date October 16, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>HELIX Environmental Planning</u>	Applicant: _____
Address: <u>590 Menlo Drive, Suite 5</u>	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: <u>Rocklin, CA 95765</u>	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: <u>Cherry Zamora</u>	Phone: _____
Phone: <u>(916) 435-1202</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 9/12/19

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO CONTINUED:

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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Appendix B

Agency Comment Letters

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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

2 October 2019

Carl Clark
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COMMENTS TO REQUEST FOR REVIEW FOR THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, GREENWOOD PARK PROJECT, SCH#2019099056, EL DORADO COUNTY

Pursuant to the State Clearinghouse's 17 September 2019 request, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the *Request for Review for the Mitigated Negative Declaration* for the Greenwood Park Project, located in El Dorado County.

Our agency is delegated with the responsibility of protecting the quality of surface and groundwaters of the state; therefore our comments will address concerns surrounding those issues.

I. Regulatory Setting

Basin Plan

The Central Valley Water Board is required to formulate and adopt Basin Plans for all areas within the Central Valley region under Section 13240 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Each Basin Plan must contain water quality objectives to ensure the reasonable protection of beneficial uses, as well as a program of implementation for achieving water quality objectives with the Basin Plans. Federal regulations require each state to adopt water quality standards to protect the public health or welfare, enhance the quality of water and serve the purposes of the Clean Water Act. In California, the beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and the Antidegradation Policy are the State's water quality standards. Water quality standards are also contained in the National Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.36, and the California Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.38.

The Basin Plan is subject to modification as necessary, considering applicable laws, policies, technologies, water quality conditions and priorities. The original Basin Plans were adopted in 1975, and have been updated and revised periodically as required, using Basin Plan amendments. Once the Central Valley Water Board has adopted a Basin Plan amendment in noticed public hearings, it must be approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and in some cases, the United States Environmental

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Protection Agency (USEPA). Basin Plan amendments only become effective after they have been approved by the OAL and in some cases, the USEPA. Every three (3) years, a review of the Basin Plan is completed that assesses the appropriateness of existing standards and evaluates and prioritizes Basin Planning issues. For more information on the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins*, please visit our website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/

Antidegradation Considerations

All wastewater discharges must comply with the Antidegradation Policy (State Water Board Resolution 68-16) and the Antidegradation Implementation Policy contained in the Basin Plan. The Antidegradation Implementation Policy is available on page 74 at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/sacsjr_201805.pdf

In part it states:

Any discharge of waste to high quality waters must apply best practicable treatment or control not only to prevent a condition of pollution or nuisance from occurring, but also to maintain the highest water quality possible consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State.

This information must be presented as an analysis of the impacts and potential impacts of the discharge on water quality, as measured by background concentrations and applicable water quality objectives.

The antidegradation analysis is a mandatory element in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and land discharge Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) permitting processes. The environmental review document should evaluate potential impacts to both surface and groundwater quality.

II. Permitting Requirements

Construction Storm Water General Permit

Dischargers whose project disturb one or more acres of soil or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities (Construction General Permit), Construction General Permit Order No. 2009-009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading, grubbing, disturbances to the ground, such as stockpiling, or excavation, but does not include regular maintenance activities performed to restore the original line, grade, or capacity of the facility. The Construction General Permit requires the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). For more information on the Construction General Permit, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml

Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits¹

The Phase I and II MS4 permits require the Permittees reduce pollutants and runoff flows from new development and redevelopment using Best Management Practices (BMPs) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). MS4 Permittees have their own development standards, also known as Low Impact Development (LID)/post-construction standards that include a hydromodification component. The MS4 permits also require specific design concepts for LID/post-construction BMPs in the early stages of a project during the entitlement and CEQA process and the development plan review process.

For more information on which Phase I MS4 Permit this project applies to, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/municipal_permits/

For more information on the Phase II MS4 permit and who it applies to, visit the State Water Resources Control Board at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml

Industrial Storm Water General Permit

Storm water discharges associated with industrial sites must comply with the regulations contained in the Industrial Storm Water General Permit Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ. For more information on the Industrial Storm Water General Permit, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/industrial_general_permits/index.shtml

Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit

If the project will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material in navigable waters or wetlands, a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act may be needed from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). If a Section 404 permit is required by the USACE, the Central Valley Water Board will review the permit application to ensure that discharge will not violate water quality standards. If the project requires surface water drainage realignment, the applicant is advised to contact the Department of Fish and Game for information on Streambed Alteration Permit requirements. If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water Act Section 404 permits, please contact the Regulatory Division of the Sacramento District of USACE at (916) 557-5250.

¹ Municipal Permits = The Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit covers medium sized Municipalities (serving between 100,000 and 250,000 people) and large sized municipalities (serving over 250,000 people). The Phase II MS4 provides coverage for small municipalities, including non-traditional Small MS4s, which include military bases, public campuses, prisons and hospitals.

Clean Water Act Section 401 Permit – Water Quality Certification

If an USACE permit (e.g., Non-Reporting Nationwide Permit, Nationwide Permit, Letter of Permission, Individual Permit, Regional General Permit, Programmatic General Permit), or any other federal permit (e.g., Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act or Section 9 from the United States Coast Guard), is required for this project due to the disturbance of waters of the United States (such as streams and wetlands), then a Water Quality Certification must be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board prior to initiation of project activities. There are no waivers for 401 Water Quality Certifications. For more information on the Water Quality Certification, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/water_quality/certification/

Waste Discharge Requirements – Discharges to Waters of the State

If USACE determines that only non-jurisdictional waters of the State (i.e., “non-federal” waters of the State) are present in the proposed project area, the proposed project may require a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit to be issued by Central Valley Water Board. Under the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, discharges to all waters of the State, including all wetlands and other waters of the State including, but not limited to, isolated wetlands, are subject to State regulation. For more information on the Waste Discharges to Surface Water NPDES Program and WDR processes, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_surface_water/

Projects involving excavation or fill activities impacting less than 0.2 acre or 400 linear feet of non-jurisdictional waters of the state and projects involving dredging activities impacting less than 50 cubic yards of non-jurisdictional waters of the state may be eligible for coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ (General Order 2004-0004). For more information on the General Order 2004-0004, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf

Waste Discharge Requirements – Discharges to Land

Pursuant to the State Board’s Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy, the regulation of the septic system may be regulated under the local agency’s management program.

For more information on waste discharges to land, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_land/index.shtml

Dewatering Permit

If the proposed project includes construction or groundwater dewatering to be discharged to land, the proponent may apply for coverage under State Water Board

General Water Quality Order (Low Risk General Order) 2003-0003 or the Central Valley Water Board's Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements (Low Risk Waiver) R5-2013-0145. Small temporary construction dewatering projects are projects that discharge groundwater to land from excavation activities or dewatering of underground utility vaults. Dischargers seeking coverage under the General Order or Waiver must file a Notice of Intent with the Central Valley Water Board prior to beginning discharge.

For more information regarding the Low Risk General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0003.pdf

For more information regarding the Low Risk Waiver and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2013-0145_res.pdf

Regulatory Compliance for Commercially Irrigated Agriculture

If the property will be used for commercial irrigated agricultural, the discharger will be required to obtain regulatory coverage under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.

There are two options to comply:

1. **Obtain Coverage Under a Coalition Group.** Join the local Coalition Group that supports land owners with the implementation of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The Coalition Group conducts water quality monitoring and reporting to the Central Valley Water Board on behalf of its growers. The Coalition Groups charge an annual membership fee, which varies by Coalition Group. To find the Coalition Group in your area, visit the Central Valley Water Board's website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/regulatory_information/for_growers/coalition_groups/ or contact water board staff at (916) 464-4611 or via email at IrrLands@waterboards.ca.gov.
2. **Obtain Coverage Under the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Individual Growers, General Order R5-2013-0100.** Dischargers not participating in a third-party group (Coalition) are regulated individually. Depending on the specific site conditions, growers may be required to monitor runoff from their property, install monitoring wells, and submit a notice of intent, farm plan, and other action plans regarding their actions to comply with their General Order. Yearly costs would include State administrative fees (for example, annual fees for farm sizes from 11-100 acres are currently \$1,277 + \$8.53/Acre); the cost to prepare annual monitoring reports; and water quality monitoring costs. To enroll as an Individual Discharger under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, call the Central Valley Water Board phone line at (916) 464-4611 or e-mail board staff at IrrLands@waterboards.ca.gov.

Limited Threat General NPDES Permit

If the proposed project includes construction dewatering and it is necessary to discharge the groundwater to waters of the United States, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Dewatering discharges are typically considered a low or limited threat to water quality and may be covered under the General Order for *Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water* (Limited Threat General Order). A complete Notice of Intent must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under the Limited Threat General Order. For more information regarding the Limited Threat General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2016-0076-01.pdf

NPDES Permit

If the proposed project discharges waste that could affect the quality of surface waters of the State, other than into a community sewer system, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. A complete Report of Waste Discharge must be submitted with the Central Valley Water Board to obtain a NPDES Permit. For more information regarding the NPDES Permit and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/help/permit/>

If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (916) 464-4812 or Jordan.Hensley@waterboards.ca.gov.



Jordan Hensley
Environmental Scientist

cc: State Clearinghouse unit, Governor's Office of Planning and Research,
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Carl Clark
Georgetown Divide Recreation District
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Greenwood, CA 95635

Greenwood Park Project

Dear Carl Clark:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) review process for the project referenced above. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans through the lenses of our mission and state planning priorities of infill, conservation, and travel-efficient development. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

The Georgetown Divide Recreation District (GDRD) proposes to expand Greenwood Park from one acre (in current recreational use) to approximately six acres, through the acquisition of three adjacent parcels (APN 074-173-09, APN 074-173-10, and APN 074-173-11) bordering the south and southwest sides of the project site. The project would also include the construction of youth sports fields (one multi-use field and one combined youth soccer/softball/baseball field) for day-time use. Other proposed improvements would include a restroom building, a parcourse exercise stations, picnic tables, bicycle parking, and parking lot.

Hydraulics

The proposed local park is not expected to generate significant peak flow that would require study of the impacts on state drainage facilities. The potential impacts may be less than significant.

Traffic Operations - Highway

The Proposed Project would serve park users in the Georgetown Divide Recreation District (GDRD) area and, as a local park, is not expected to host regional games nor would proposed improvements draw park users from outside the region. Vehicle trips from outside of the district

Mr. Carl Clark
October 9, 2019
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or regional traffic is not anticipated. The Proposed Project's impact on vehicle miles traveled would be less than significant.

Project is not anticipated to generated significant weekday peak hour and/or weekend traffic that would require study of state facilities. No conflicts with plans, ordinances, or policies addressing the circulation system are anticipated and potential impacts would be less than significant.

Primary construction access is anticipated via Ricci Road and possibly via Main Street. Direct access to/from SR 193 is not anticipated.

System Planning

The project is not expected to have any significant impact on the state highway system.

Please provide our office with copies of any further actions regarding this project or future development of the property. We would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on any changes related to this development.

If you have any question regarding these comments or require additional information, please contact Amber Moran, Intergovernmental Review Coordinator for El Dorado County, by phone (530) 634-7624 or via email to amber.moran@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



KEVIN YOUNT, Branch Chief
Office of Transportation Planning
Regional Planning Branch—East



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Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Kate Gordon
Director

October 17, 2019

Carl Clark
Georgetown Divide Recreation District
4401 Highway 193
Greenwood, CA 95635

Subject: Greenwood Park
SCH#: 2019099056

Dear Carl Clark:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named MND to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on 10/16/2019, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) available on the CEQA database for your retrieval and use. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

Check the CEQA database for submitted comments for use in preparing your final environmental document: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019099056/2>. Should you need more information or clarification of the comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

cc: Resources Agency

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Appendix C

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

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MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

GREENWOOD PARK PROJECT

Purpose of Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, requires that a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) be established upon completing findings. CEQA stipulates that “the public agency shall adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes to the project which it has adopted or made a condition of project approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The reporting or monitoring program shall be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation.”

This MMRP has been prepared in compliance with Section 21081.6 of CEQA to ensure that all required mitigation measures are implemented and completed according to schedule and maintained in a satisfactory manner during the construction and operation of the project, as required. A table (attached) has been prepared to assist the responsible parties in implementing the MMRP. The table identifies individual mitigation measures, monitoring/mitigation timing, the responsible person/agency for implementing the measure, and space to confirm implementation of the mitigation measures. The numbering of mitigation measures follows the numbering sequence found in the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration.

In addition to the table of individual mitigation measures, a separate table of avoidance and minimization measures is also included for use by the lead agency.

The Georgetown Divide Recreation District (GDRD) is the lead agency for the project under CEQA and shall administer and implement the MMRP. GDRD is responsible for review of all monitoring reports, enforcement actions, and document disposition. GDRD shall rely on information provided by the project site observers/monitors (e.g., construction manager, project manager, biologist, archaeologist, etc.) as accurate and up-to-date and shall provide personnel to field check mitigation measure status, as required.

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**MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM CHECKLIST FOR THE
GREENWOOD PARK PROJECT**

Mitigation Measure	Monitoring / Mitigation Timing	Reporting / Responsible Party	Verification of Compliance	
			Initials	Date
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES				
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Pre-construction surveys shall be conducted for California red-legged frog, foothill yellow-legged frog, western pond turtle, special-status bats and nesting migratory birds and raptors (during the nesting season) 14 days prior to the initiation of construction or ground disturbing activities. If construction or ground disturbing activities do not commence within 14 days, or halt for more than 7 days, then additional surveys are required prior to resuming or starting work. An additional survey for California red-legged frog and foothill yellow-legged frog should be conducted no more than 24 hours prior to the start of construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If California red-legged frog and/or foothill yellow-legged frog are observed within the project site, then resource agency consultation is required to determine appropriate buffers and additional measures to reduce impacts to these species during construction.• If western pond turtle is observed within the project site, then wildlife exclusion fencing should be installed in an area identified by a designated biologist. This fencing shall be comprised of general silt fencing, will remain in place the duration of construction, and will be removed upon the completion of construction.	Prior to Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Worker environmental awareness trainings should be conducted for all construction personnel prior to the initiation of work for California red-legged frog, foothill yellow-legged frog, western pond turtle, special-status bats and nesting migratory birds and raptors.</p>	Prior to Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-3: Ground-disturbing and other development activities including grading, vegetation clearing, tree removal, and construction could impact nesting birds if these activities occur during the nesting season (generally February 1 to August 31). To avoid impacts to nesting birds, all vegetation removal should be completed between September 1 and January 31, if feasible. If development activities occur during the nesting season, then a qualified biologist should conduct a nesting bird survey to determine the presence of any active nests within the Study Area. Additionally, the surrounding 500 feet of the Study Area should be surveyed for active raptor nests, where accessible, and with binoculars as necessary. The nesting bird survey should be conducted within 14 days prior to commencement of ground-disturbing or other development activities. If the nesting bird survey shows that there is no evidence of active nests, then a letter report should be prepared to document the survey and provided to GDRD, and no additional measures are recommended. If development does not</p>	Prior to Construction and Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		

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<p>commence within 14 days of the nesting bird survey, or halts for more than 7 days, then an additional survey is required prior to starting or resuming work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If active nests are found, then the qualified biologist should establish species specific buffer zones to prohibit development activities and minimize nest disturbance until the young have successfully fledged or the biologist determines that a nest is no longer active. Buffer distances may range from 20 feet for some songbirds up to 250 to 500 feet for most raptors. Nest monitoring may also be warranted during certain phases of development to ensure nesting birds are not adversely impacted by adjacent construction. If active nests are found within any trees slated for removal, then an appropriate buffer should be established around the tree and trees within the buffer should not be removed until a qualified biologist determines that the nest has successfully fledged and is no longer active. In addition, a qualified biologist should conduct an environmental awareness training for all construction personnel for the potential of nesting birds to occur onsite prior to the initiation of work. This training shall follow the same guideline as for special-status amphibians. As applicable, the pre-construction survey and environmental training may be combined with other recommended surveys and trainings. If construction occurs outside of the nesting bird season (September 1 to January 31 is outside of the nesting bird season) then a nesting bird survey and environmental training are not required. 				
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-4: If the project will result in impacts to regulated aquatic features, then the GDRD would be required to obtain a Section 404 permit under the CWA for any impacts to wetlands or other waters subject to USACE jurisdiction. Impacts would also require a 401 Water Quality Certification from the RWQCB under Section 401 of the CWA or Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for non-federal aquatic resources considered Waters of the State. Impacts to aquatic features on the site will also require preparation of a Streambed Alteration Notification for submittal to the CDFW. Regulatory authorizations will include terms and conditions to minimize impacts and to fully mitigate for any permanent impacts to wetlands and other waters.</p>	Prior to Construction	GDRD		
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-5: Construction fencing shall be installed a minimum of 50 feet from all aquatic resources or at the limits of construction. The appropriate placement of construction fencing shall be verified by a qualified biologist prior to commencement of construction. The buffer area or limits of construction should be designated by standard silt fencing with straw wattles and general orange construction fencing (optional for visibility). The fencing should remain in place the duration of construction and shall be removed upon the completion of construction.</p>	Prior to Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		

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Mitigation Measure BIO-6: Survey previously inaccessible areas to confirm oak trees are not present.	Prior to Construction	GDRD		
Mitigation Measure BIO-7: Obtain an Oak Tree Permit from El Dorado County for impacts or removal of protected oak resources.	Prior to Construction	GDRD		
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-8: Protection Fencing, consisting of a minimum 4-foot tall high-visibility fence (orange plastic snow fence or similar), shall be placed around the perimeter of the tree protection zone (TPZ) (dripline radius +1 foot). The TPZ is the minimum distance for placing protective fencing, but tree protection fencing should be placed as far outside of the TPZ as possible. Each sign shall be a minimum of 2 feet by 2 feet and shall include the following:</p> <p>TREE PROTECTION ZONE DO NOT MOVE OR RELOCATE FENCE UNTIL PROJECT COMPLETION WITHOUT PERMISSION OF PROJECT ARBORIST OR COUNTY OF EL DORADO</p> <p>If permanent site improvements (e.g., paving and structures) encroach into the protected area, install fence at limit of work. If temporary impacts (e.g., grading, utility installation) require encroachment into the protected area, move fence to limit of work during active construction of item and return to edge of protected area once work is completed.</p> <p>Protection fencing shall not be moved without prior authorization from the Project Arborist, the County of El Dorado, or as indicated on approved plans and contract documents.</p>	Prior to Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-9: No parking, portable toilets, dumping or storage of any construction materials, including oil, gas, or other chemicals, or other infringement by workers or domesticated animals is allowed in the protected area.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-10: No signs, ropes, cables, metal stakes, or any other items shall be attached to a protected tree, unless recommended by an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)-Certified Arborist.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-11: Grading, excavation, or trenching within the TPZ of existing native oaks should be avoided to the greatest extent possible. Under no circumstances should fill soil be placed against the trunk of an existing tree.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-12: Underground utilities should be avoided in the TPZ, but, if necessary, shall be bored or drilled. No trenching is allowed within the TPZ unless specifically approved by the Project Arborist.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		

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Mitigation Measure BIO-13: Drains shall be installed according to County specifications to avoid harm to existing oak trees due to excess watering.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-14: Pruning of living limbs or roots shall be done under the supervision of an ISA-Certified Arborist. All excavation within the TPZ should be done by hand, air knife, or water jet, in accordance with ISA standards using best practices. Climbing spikes should not be used on living trees. Limbs should be removed with clean cuts just outside the crown collar.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-15: Cover exposed roots or cut root ends in trenches with damp burlap to prevent drying out.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-16: Minimize disturbance to the native ground surface (grass, leaf, litter, or mulch) under preserved trees to the greatest extent feasible.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-17: Native woody plant material (trees and shrubs to be removed) may be chipped or mulched on the Project Site and placed in a 4 to 6-inch deep layer around existing trees to remain. Do not place mulch in contact with the trunk of preserved trees.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-18: Deep water preserved trees that have had roots cut during project activities once a month throughout the summer as needed or as recommended by the Project Arborist.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-19: Appropriate fire prevention techniques shall be employed around all trees to be preserved. This includes cutting tall grass, removing flammable debris within the TPZ, and prohibiting the use of tools that may cause sparks, such as metal-bladed trimmers or mowers.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-20: No open flames shall be permitted within 15 feet of the tree canopy.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure BIO-21: Damage to any protected tree during construction shall be immediately reported to County of El Dorado Planning Services. Damage shall be corrected as required by the County representative.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
CULTURAL RESOURCES				
Mitigation Measure CUL-1/NOI-2: Construction Vibration Limits. Construction Vibration Limits. Vibration-generating construction equipment shall not generate vibration levels that exceed 0.1 in/sec PPV at historic structures or occupied residences. This shall be demonstrated by ensuring that construction plans submitted to GDRD prior to approval of building permits specify that large vibratory rollers are to be set back from historic structures (including the Greenwood Schoolhouse) or any occupied residence by 50 feet or be used in static mode only	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		

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(no vibrations) when operating within 50 feet of historic structures or occupied residences. If vibration-generating equipment other than large vibratory rollers are used during construction, project construction plans shall include specifications that demonstrate that vibration limits do not exceed 0.1 in/sec PPV at the historic structure or occupied residences.				
<p>Mitigation Measure CUL-2: Accidental Discovery of Cultural Resources. In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21082 and Section 15064.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines and [36 CFR 800] of Section 106 of the NHPA, if buried cultural resources are discovered during construction, then operations shall stop in the immediate vicinity of the find and a qualified archaeologist shall be consulted to determine whether the resource requires further study. The archaeologist shall make recommendations to the lead agency concerning appropriate measures that will be implemented to protect the resources, including but not limited to excavation and evaluation of the finds, consistent with Section 15064.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines and 36 CFR 800. Cultural resources could consist of but are not limited to stone, bone, wood, or shell artifacts, or features including hearths, structural remains, or historic dumpsites. In accordance with PRC Section 21082 and Section 15064.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines, no further grading or construction activity shall occur within 50 feet of the discovery until the lead agency approves the measures to protect these resources.</p> <p>In addition, reasonable efforts to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to the property will be taken and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Indian tribes with concerns about the property, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) will be notified within 48 hours in compliance with 36 CFR 800.13 (b)(3).</p>	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
<p>Mitigation Measure CUL-3: Implement Inadvertent Discovery Procedures for Accidental Discovery of Human Remains. In the event of an accidental discovery or recognition of any human remains, Public Resource Code Section 5097.98 must be followed. In this instance, once project-related earthmoving begins and if there is accidental discovery or recognition of any human remains, the following steps shall be taken:</p> <p>There shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains until the County Coroner is contacted to determine if the remains are Native American and if an investigation of the cause of death is required. If the coroner determines the remains to be Native American, then the coroner shall contact the NAHC within 24 hours, and the NAHC shall identify the person or persons it believes to be the “most likely descendant” of the deceased Native American. The most likely descendant may recommend to the landowner, or the person responsible for the excavation work, means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any</p>	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		

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associated grave goods as provided in Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, or				
Where the following conditions occur, the landowner or his/her authorized representative shall rebury the Native American human remains and associated grave goods with appropriate dignity either in accordance with the recommendations of the most likely descendent or on the project area in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NAHC is unable to identify a most likely descendent or the most likely descendent failed to make a recommendation within 48 hours after being notified by the commission; The descendent identified fails to make a recommendation; or The landowner or his authorized representative rejects the recommendation of the descendent, and the mediation by the NAHC fails to provide measures acceptable to the landowner. 				
HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS				
Mitigation Measure HAZ-1: Hazardous materials such as fuels, oils, solvents, etc., shall be stored in sealable containers in a designated location that is at least 200 feet from aquatic resources.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure HAZ-2: All fueling and maintenance of vehicles and other equipment, and staging areas shall occur at least 200 feet from any aquatic habitat.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
NOISE				
Mitigation Measure NOI-1: Construction Hours. The GDRD shall restrict construction activity involving the use of noise generating equipment to the hours between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekends, and on federally-recognized holidays. If construction activity is to be performed by contractors, then the GDRD shall specify the construction time limitations on contract documents. The designated contractor shall post at all project site entrances the construction hour limitations and the contact information (including phone number) of a designated public liaison for construction noise complaints.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		
Mitigation Measure CUL-1/NOI-2: Construction Vibration Limits. The GDRD shall ensure that, during project construction activities, all vibratory rollers are used in static mode only (no vibrations) when operating within 50 feet of the Greenwood Schoolhouse or any other potentially historic structure, or with 50 feet of any occupied structure. If construction activity is to be performed by contractors, the GDRD shall specify the vibratory roller use limitations on contract documents.	Construction	GDRD; Construction Contractor		