



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Hearing

To: Reviewing Agencies and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Desert Trails Preparatory Academy

From: City of Victorville
Development Department, Planning Division
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Project Location: The project site is in the southwestern portion of Victorville in San Bernardino County. Victorville is located along Interstate 15 (I-15), approximately 90 miles northeast of the City of Los Angeles and 30 miles north of the City of San Bernardino. Adjacent communities include the Town of Apple Valley to the east, the City of Adelanto to the west, and the City of Hesperia to the south. The approximately nine-acre (8.9 acres) vacant project site consists of desert land and is void buildings, structures, or improvements. The site is generally east of Mesa View Drive, north of Forest Park Lane, south of Pepperwood Street, and west of Bella Pine Street. Olivera Road, a dirt road, forms the northern site boundary.

Project Description: The proposed project involves the construction of a new middle school campus for the Desert Trails Preparatory Academy (Project) on the project site, consisting of three buildings totaling 38,070 square feet. The new middle school campus would only serve children in grades six through eight. The proposed campus would include a large turf area for student activities, physical education, and athletic events and sports; a few sports courts for basketball and other hardcourt sports; and a multipurpose room, which would feature a high ceiling for the proposed indoor basketball court. The campus would also include a courtyard with landscaped seat walls, as well as an outdoor plaza and sheltered dining area. Approximately 39 percent of the site will be developed with the proposed campus with the remainder persisting as vacant desert land. Project development requires City approval of a site plan review and conditional use permit, and adoption of a mitigated negative declaration.

Project Applications: Approval of a Conditional Use Permit (PLAN19-00030); Approval of a Site Plan Review (PLAN19-00030); and adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Project Applicant: Debra Tarver, CEO, Desert Trails Preparatory Academy, 14350 Bellflower Street, Adelanto, California, 92301

Environmental Information: Notice is hereby given that the City of Victorville has completed an Initial Study for the Project, which was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of determining whether the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, the City has concluded that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment subject to implementation of mitigation measures and has therefore prepared an Initial Study to support the adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The MND reflects the independent judgement of the City.

Public Review and Comments: The City invites you to comment on the MND. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties, including members of the public, must submit any comments in response to this notice no later than **November 19, 2019**. The Notice of Intent and accompanying MND are available for a 30-day public review period beginning **October 21, 2019**, and ending **November 19, 2019**.

Copies of the MND and supporting documents are available for review at the following locations:

- Victorville City Hall, Development Department, Planning Division, 14343 Civic Dr., Victorville, CA 92392

A copy of the Initial Study is also available online at: <https://www.victorvilleca.gov/government/city-departments/development/planning/environmental-review-notice>

The City will accept written comments during the aforementioned public review period — please include your name, address, and contact information in your correspondence. Written comments must be directed to Travis Clark, Associate Planner, and received in the offices of the City of Victorville Planning Division at 14343 Civic Dr., Victorville, CA 92392, or by e-mail at TClark@victorvilleca.gov. For any questions or to obtain further information about the Project please contact Travis Clark at the City of Victorville Planning Division via the aforementioned email or by phone at 760.955.5135.

Public Meetings: The City of Victorville Planning Commission will consider and take action on the Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration at an upcoming public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 5:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers at 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392.