

DRAFT Mitigated Negative Declaration Tulelake Veteran's Park Expansion Project

Lead Agency: City of Tulelake
Tulelake, California 96134

Project Title: Tulelake Veteran's Park Expansion Project

Project Location: The proposed project location is:
300 Main Street, Tulelake, California 96134
T48N R4E Section 35 Parcel 09 (APN 050-061-090-000)
T48N R4E Section 35 Parcel 08 (APN 050-061-080-000)

Project Description: The City of Tulelake (city) is expanding an existing park (Veteran's Park). The City owns the property that the park is currently on, along with the adjacent parcel. The City will be expanding the park into the adjacent parcel. The scope of work will include: removal of the existing asphalt and concrete, replaced by topsoil to existing grade, the addition of another bathroom to service the bigger park, the construction of an 80 foot, slit face block wall 6 feet high (Memorial Wall) with a metal frame to hold plaques that the City has been storing. The centerpiece will be a Gazebo with benches around it for visitors. The City is working with a local artist to construct an archway at the entrance of the park with the emblems of the 5 branches of the service, along with two benches that look like geese. A sundial will be constructed on the west side of the park. A dog park will be on the right side of the park for visitors that have animals with them. As far as landscaping is concerned, the park will have some new trees added along with non-invasive turf, shrubs, plants, and ground cover. And last, solar lighting will be included in the project. The walkways will be decomposed granite. The parcels together are 0.46 acres.

Proposed Finding: The City of Tulelake conducted an Environmental Initial Study, which determined the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

Documentation: The attached Environmental Initial Study documents the reasons to support the above determination.

Results of Public Review: Public review period from September 9, 2019 to October 9, 2019.

No comments were received during the public input period.

Mitigation Measures Incorporated into the Project to Avoid Significant Effects:

Air Quality

AIR-1:

The following controls shall be implemented at the construction site to control construction emissions:

- All exposed surfaces (e.g., parking areas, staging areas, soil piles, graded areas, and unpaved access roads) shall be watered two times per day.
- All haul trucks transporting soil, sand, or other loose material off-site shall be covered.
- All visible mud or dirt track-out onto adjacent public roads shall be removed using wet power vacuum street sweepers at least once per week. The use of dry power sweeping shall be prohibited.
- All roadways, driveways, and sidewalks to be paved shall be completed as soon as possible.
- Idling times shall be minimized either by shutting equipment off when not in use or reducing the maximum idling time to 5 minutes (as required by the California Code of Regulations [CCR]). Clear signage shall be provided for construction workers at all access points regarding maximum idling time.
- All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. All equipment shall be checked by a certified mechanic and determined to be running in proper condition prior to operation.
- The contractor shall post a publicly visible sign with the telephone number and person to contact regarding dust complaints. This person shall respond and take corrective action within 48 hours. The Siskiyou County Air Pollution District's office phone number shall also be visible to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

Timing/Implementation: *During construction*

Monitoring/Enforcement: *Siskiyou County*

Cultural Resources

CULT-1:

If prehistoric or historical archaeological deposits or features are discovered during project activities, all work within 25 feet of the discovery shall be redirected until a qualified archaeologist assess the situation and provides recommendations. Adverse effects to archaeological deposits should be avoided by project activities. If such deposits cannot be avoided, they shall be evaluated for the California Register of Historical Resources eligibility. If the resources are not eligible, avoidance is not necessary. If the resources are eligible, they will need to be avoided by adverse effects or such effects must be mitigated. Mitigation may consist of, but is not necessarily limited to, systematic recovery and analysis of archaeological deposits; recording the resource; preparation of a report of findings; accessing recovered archaeological

materials at an appropriate curation facility; and public outreach, such as brochures or displays at libraries and museums. Upon completion of the assessment, the archaeologist shall prepare a report documenting the methods and results and provide recommendations for the treatment of the archaeological materials discovered. The report shall be submitted to the City and the Northwest Information Center.

CULT-2:

If archaeological deposits are identified during project activities, a qualified archaeologist shall first determine whether such deposits are historical resources as defined in Section 15064.5. If the deposit qualifies as a unique archaeological resource, it will need to be avoided by adverse effects or such effects must be mitigated. Mitigation may consist of, but is not necessarily limited to, systematic recovery and analysis of archaeological deposits; recording the resource; preparation of a report of findings; accessing recovered archaeological materials at an appropriate curation facility; and public outreach, such as brochures or displays at libraries and museums. Upon completion of the assessment, the archaeologist shall prepare a report documenting the methods and results and provide recommendations for the treatment of the archaeological materials discovered. The report shall be submitted to the City and the Northwest Information Center.

CULT-3:

In the event that human remains are encountered, work within 25 feet of the discovery shall be redirected at the County Coroner notified immediately. At the same time, a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to assess the situation and consult with agencies as appropriate. Project personnel should not collect or move any human remains and associated materials. If the human remains are of Native American origin, the coroner must notify the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours of this identification. The Native American Heritage Commission will identify a Most Likely Descendant (MLD) to inspect the site and provide recommendations for the proper treatment of the remains and associated grave goods. Upon completion of the assessment, the archaeologist shall prepare a report documenting the methods and results and provide recommendations for the treatment of the human remains and any associated cultural materials, as appropriate and in coordination with the recommendations of the MLD. The report shall be submitted to the City and the Northwest Information Center.

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions

GHG-1:

To the extent feasible, the following measures shall be incorporated into the design and construction of the project:

- On-site idling of construction equipment shall be minimized (no more than 5 minutes maximum);
- Biodiesel shall be used as an alternative fuel to diesel for at least 15 percent of the construction vehicles/equipment used if there is a biodiesel station within 5 miles of the project site;
- At least 10 percent of building materials shall be local to the extent feasible; and
- At least 50 percent of construction waste or demolition materials shall be recycled.

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Monitoring/Enforcement: Siskiyou County

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

HAZ-1:

Project construction plans shall include emergency procedures for responding to hazardous materials releases for materials that will be brought onto the site as part of construction activities. The emergency procedures for hazardous materials releases shall include the necessary personal protective equipment, spill containment procedures, and training of workers to respond to accidental spills/releases. All use storage, transport and disposal of hazardous materials (including any hazardous wastes) during construction activities shall be performed in accordance with existing local, state, and federal hazardous materials regulations.

Timing/Implementation: During construction

Monitoring/Enforcement: Siskiyou County

Noise

NOISE-1:

During construction, the City shall require the contractor to ensure that all equipment is maintained in proper working order, including proper muffling.

NOISE-2:

During construction, the contractor shall locate portable equipment as far as possible from adjacent residences.

NOISE-3:

During construction, the contractor shall store and maintain equipment as far as possible from adjacent residences.

NOISE-4:

If construction-related noise exceeds City standards for non-transportation sources, the City shall require the contractor to implement additional appropriate noise-reducing measures, including but not limited to, changing the location of stationary construction equipment,

shutting off idling equipment, rescheduling construction activity, notifying adjacent residents in advance of construction work, or installing acoustic barriers around construction noise sources.

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Monitoring/Enforcement: Siskiyou County