

City of Temecula

Community Development

Planning Division

Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration

PROJECT: Santa Gertrudis Creek Pedestrian/Bike Trail Extension and Interconnect, CIP Project No. PW08-04

APPLICANT: City of Temecula (Nino Abad, P.E., Project Manager)

LOCATION: Along Santa Gertrudis Creek from Ynez Road to Winchester Road, City of Temecula, County of Riverside

DESCRIPTION: The City is proposing the creation of a new pedestrian/bicycle trail extension that would connect a new multi-purpose trail along Santa Gertrudis Creek. The proposed extension would connect to the existing trail network at Ynez Road to the east and at Diaz Road to the west, and complete the loop within the City of Temecula's bike path system to the northeast of the proposed trail. After completion, trail users will be able to access the trail at Ynez Road, Jefferson Avenue, and Winchester Road. The project will pave existing maintenance roads for trail use. Undercrossings will be created at Ynez Road, the Interstate 15 (I-15) Freeway, and Jefferson Avenue, which will encroach into the creek channel. Keeping the path away from the roadway will maintain the trail's designation as a Class I bikeway. The new trail section will join the existing trail at Diaz Road by adding bike lanes to Winchester Road. Winchester Road will only undergo signing and striping changes to accommodate a new layout.

The City of Temecula intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project described above. This notice is made pursuant to Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based upon the information contained in the Initial Environmental Study and pursuant to the requirements of CEQA; it has been determined that this project as proposed, revised or mitigated will not have a significant impact upon the environment. As a result, the City Council intends to adopt a MND for this project.

The mitigation measures required to reduce or mitigate the impacts of this project on the environment are included in the project design and/or the Mitigation Monitoring Program and will be included as part of the MND for this project.

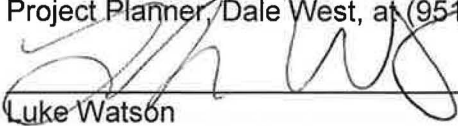
As required by Section 15073 of CEQA, the public review and commenting period for this proposed MND is February 14, 2020 to March 16, 2020. Written comments and responses to this notice should be addressed to the contact person listed below at the following address: City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590. After the public comment period is over and comments have been addressed, the project and MND is up for approval through the City Council at a Council meeting. City staff would then file the Notice of Determination.

All are invited to comment on the proposed MND. Written comments must be received by the City by 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020. Comments that are postmarked on or before this date will also be accepted. The document can be reviewed at the City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590; Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula, CA 92592; Temecula Chamber of Commerce, 26790 Ynez Court, Ste. A, Temecula, CA 92591; and the City of Temecula Website: <http://TemeculaCA.gov>.

The public notice of the intent to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration is provided through:

The Local Newspaper (San Diego Union-Tribune) Posting the Site Notice to Adjacent Property Owners

If you need additional information or have any questions concerning this project, please contact the Project Planner, Dale West, at (951) 693-3918 or dale.west@TemeculaCA.gov.



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Director of Community Development

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