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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

February 17, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego, as lead agency, is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following project.

Project Name: Casa De Oro Library

Project Location: The proposed project site is located on Campo Road, between Conrad Drive and Rogers Road, in the community of Spring Valley in southeastern unincorporated San Diego County, California. Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs): 500-170-10, -11, and -41 (Portions of)

Project Description: The Casa de Oro Branch Library Project (proposed project) would result in replacement of the existing County of San Diego (County) Casa de Oro branch library facility in the community of Spring Valley with a new branch library facility at a different location. The proposed project consists of an approximately 13,000-square-foot (SF) library facility that aims to achieve "zero net energy," with access off Campo Road, 52 parking spaces, landscaping, and fencing. The existing library is currently located at 9805 Campo Road in an existing retail commercial shopping center, just southeast of the proposed project site. The proposed project is intended to enhance the County's regional library system and provide expanded services to its patrons within the Spring Valley community and surrounding areas. The proposed project would be processed through the County's Department of General Services (DGS).

Findings: Pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and based on information contained in the attached Initial Study Checklist, the County Department of General Services has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures.

Availability of Document: The Draft MND is being made available for a 30-day public review period commencing on February 17, 2021 and ending on March 18, 2021. An electronic version of the Draft MND is available for download and review on the County website at https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/general-services/CEQA/CEQA CasaDeOroLibrary.html

Due to the County's emergency declaration to address COVID-19 and the statewide stay at home order, the County has temporarily closed all County facilities to the public. Thus, hard copies of the MND are not available at this time. If you cannot digitally access the MND document via the County's website for review, please contact Marc Cass, Environmental Project Manager at Marc.Cass@sdcounty.ca.gov or call at (858) 229-1398 for options to obtain a hard copy.

Comments: Written comments on the Draft MND must be received **no later than March 18, 2021 at 5:00pm**. Comments should be labeled "Department of General Services – Casa De Oro Library Draft MND" and either emailed to Marc Cass at Marc.Cass@sdcounty.ca.gov or mailed to the County of San Diego (Attn: Marc Cass), County of San Diego, Department of General Services 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410 San Diego, CA 92123-1239.

