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May 3, 2021

RE: Conejo Community Park and Center Project

Dear Interested Party:

This letter is to inform you that the Conejo Recreation & Park District (the District) will consider adoption of an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Conejo Community Park and Center Project. The Conejo Recreation and Park District, as lead agency, requests comments regarding the environmental evaluation of the project during the review period. The District will contemplate adoption of the MND after considering the Initial Study, supporting documents, studies, and comments received within the comment period herein specified.

Project

Conejo Community Park and Center Project

Location

The project site is within Conejo Community Park, located at 1175 Hendrix Avenue across from its intersection with Dover Avenue in Thousand Oaks. The parcel on which the project site is located is 48.37 acres and is Assessor's Parcel Number 524-009-0255. The portion of the site occupied by Conejo Community Park makes up approximately 36.6 acres of the total parcel. The project site is located less than 1 mile north of U.S. Route 101 and 0.33 mile west of North Moorpark Road.

Project Description

The proposed Conejo Community Park and Center Project (project) entails improving existing park facilities, including demolishing the existing community center building and constructing an expanded new community center building; and renovating outdoor features including the baseball field, landscaping at the existing channel and bridge feature, and trails and landscaping throughout the park. Improvements will be constructed so the existing topography and natural features are preserved and will be done in accordance with the Conejo Recreation and Parks District (CRPD) plans and specifications.

Applicant

Conejo Recreation and Parks District

Comment Period

The MND review period for State Agencies is 30 days pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21091(b). The public review period shall commence on May 3, 2021, and end on June 2, 2021.

Public Hearing

The date and time of a public hearing for the Conejo Recreation & Park District Board of Directors to consider the project and the environmental review document will be posted on the District's website at: <u>www.crpd.org/agendas</u>. When confirmed, the hearing would be held at the Hillcrest Center at 403 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

Location of Documents Available for Public Review

An electronic copy of the IS-MND and related documents can be downloaded at the following link: <u>www.crpd.org/cccproject</u>. The IS-MND and all related documents are also available for public review at the Hillcrest Center at the District's Administrative Offices, 403 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 (Hours M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

Cortese List Status

The project site is not listed on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control Envirostor Database of hazardous waste sites (California Government Code Section 65962.5).

Description of Significant Effects on the Environment

The District finds the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment based on the Environmental Checklist and Environmental Evaluation Discussion of the Checklist Questions in the IS-MND. For potentially significant effects, mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project to ensure these impacts remain at less than significant levels. The District, therefore, proposes to adopt the MND for the project to satisfy the requirements of CEQA (PRC 21000 et. seq. 14 Cal. Code Resolution 15000 et. seq.).

Please provide written comments via mail or email to:

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Sincerely,

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