

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date: 09/2/21

Based upon the conclusions set forth in the Initial Study, the CEQA Lead Agency finds that the proposed Project, which includes measures and mitigations designed to minimize environmental impacts, would not result in significant adverse effects on the environment. The CEQA Lead Agency has prepared this Notice of Intent to adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to 14 CCR Section 15072.

Project Title:

Etiwanda Creek Community Park Expansion Project

Project Description:

Proposed recreational facilities include two new sport fields, a tennis court, and an interactive water feature. The proposed sports fields would be located at the northeast corner of the park, east of the existing soccer field, and would accommodate configurations for baseball, softball, soccer, and football. The sport fields would include light-emitting diode (LED) sports lighting similar to the existing fields. Spectator seating areas would also be provided at the perimeter of the fields. The proposed seating areas would not include bleachers and instead would provide space for visitors to bring their own chairs. A tennis court with a pickleball overlay would also be constructed south of the proposed sport fields. An interactive water feature would be located north of the proposed tennis court and south of the proposed sports fields. The water feature would be designed with a sports theme and would have low water use and maintenance requirements. This interactive water feature would not be a splash pad.

The existing sports fields would not be modified by the Proposed Project. However, the existing dog play area located at the northwest corner of the park would be removed. Basic park amenities would be installed at this location. Amenities may include shade structure(s), seating, drinking fountain(s), walking path, parking, play structure, and/or exercise equipment.

Community facilities included with the Proposed Project include a concession and storage space, a shade structure, and a restroom. Concession and storage space would also be provided south of the proposed sport fields for the use of youth sport leagues and community events. The concession space would include counter space with a sink and power receptacles. The Proposed Project would also construct a four-sided shade structure adjacent to the concession and storage space. The shade structure is not intended for picnic use; therefore, no tables or benches would be provided. A restroom would also be provided in this area.

Other supporting infrastructure would include a new trash enclosure and a service yard to store park maintenance equipment and materials. The Proposed Project would also include landscaping around the proposed facilities and infrastructure improvements. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2022 with a duration of 12 months.

Project Location:

The Proposed Project is located at Etiwanda Creek Community Park in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, in southwest San Bernardino County. Etiwanda Creek Community Park measures approximately 18.6 acres with 11.6 acres of developed park areas and 7 acres of undeveloped land, where the Proposed Project would be located. The project site is located northeast of the intersection of East Avenue and Banyan Street north of Summit Intermediate School.

Project Proponent:

City of Rancho Cucamonga

Lead Agency:

City of Rancho Cucamonga

Public Review Period:

A 30-day public review period will begin on 09/2/21. Written comments must be submitted to the Lead Agency no later than 5:00 PM on 10/3/21.

Tentative date for public hearing: October 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM City of Rancho Cucamonga, City Hall 10500 Civic Center Dr. Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Available Material:

A copy of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and supporting materials are available online as follows:

CEQA.net @ https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/

City of Rancho Cucamonga website @ https://www.cityofrc.us/construction-development

Contact for Public Comments:

Written Comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be addressed to: City of Rancho Cucamonga, 10500 Civic Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. Attn: Tabe Van der Zwaag, Tabe.VanderZwaag@cityofrc.us or (909) 774-4316.