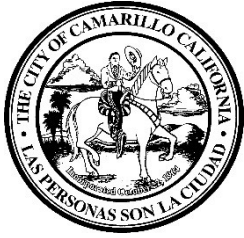


# Appendix A

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Notice of Preparation and Public Comments



# City of Camarillo

**Department of Public Works**

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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND NOTICE OF PROJECT STATUS MEETING

**Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Project Status Meeting for the Dizdar Park Renovation and Expansion Project**

To: State Clearinghouse,  
Responsible Agencies,  
Trustee Agencies,  
Organizations, and Interested Parties

From: City of Camarillo  
Department of Public Works  
601 Carmen Drive  
Camarillo, CA 93010

The City of Camarillo will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the project identified below. The City has determined in its initial review that an EIR is required for the project. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering permits or other approvals for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are described below.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after the receipt of this notice. The public review period extends from October 15, 2021 to November 15, 2021.

Please send your response to Andrew Grubb, Senior Civil Engineer, at the address shown above or email to [AGrubb@cityofcamarillo.org](mailto:AGrubb@cityofcamarillo.org). Agency responses to this Notice of Preparation should include the name, address, and phone number of the person who will serve as the primary point of contact for this project within the commenting agency.

**Project Title:** Dizdar Park Renovation and Expansion Project

**Project Applicant:** City of Camarillo

**Project Location:** The proposed project site is located within the City of Camarillo in Ventura County. Specifically, the site proposed for the project is a 1.7-acre area located at the southeastern corner of the intersection of Ventura Boulevard and South Glenn Drive. The site includes Dizdar Park, the former fire station at 2474 Ventura Boulevard, and the vacant office building at 2402 Ventura Boulevard. The location of the project site is shown in the following figure.

## PROJECT SITE LOCATION



**Project Description:** The proposed project involves on site demolition of the former fire station, demolition of a vacant office building, and the renovation and expansion of Dizdar Park. The park would include a new pergola, playground, band shell, sitting garden, picnic area, bathrooms, parking lot, and new paved pathways throughout the 1.7-acre project site.

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The project would include removal of the existing fire station asphalt driveway and existing landscape in the southern portion of the project site. An asphalt parking lot would be constructed and would include approximately 20 standard parking spaces.

**Topics Identified for Study in the Draft EIR:** Pursuant to Section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Camarillo has conducted a preliminary evaluation of the potential environmental impacts that could occur with implementation of the proposed project. Based on this review, the City has concluded the project could have potentially significant impacts associated with the following environmental issues:

- Cultural Resources/Tribal Cultural Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

The potential environmental impacts associated with these issue areas will be evaluated in the Draft EIR prepared for the proposed project.

### **Public Project Status Meeting**

The City will be holding a project status meeting open to the public to present the status of the project design and the Draft EIR currently being prepared for the project. The project status meeting will be conducted at **6:00 p.m. on October 28, 2021 in the City Council Chambers at 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010.** The public will also have the opportunity to comment on the scope of the Draft EIR at this meeting. Written comments on the Draft EIR scope will also be accepted through November 15, 2021.

The project status meeting **is not** a public hearing. No actions approving or denying the project will be made at this meeting. The purpose of the project status meeting is to present the project to the public, explain the environmental review process for the project, and solicit input regarding the environmental issues that may be evaluated in the Draft EIR.

Please contact Andrew Grubb with any questions and direct any responses to his attention at AGrubb@cityofcamarillo.org or (805) 388-5344.

Date: October 12, 2021

Signature:



Contact Name: Andrew Grubb, PE

Title: Senior Civil Engineer

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*Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines), Section 15082(a), 15103, 15375.*



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## STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

**Subject: Dizdar Park Renovation and Expansion Project, Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, SCH #2021100259, City of Camarillo, Ventura County**

Dear Mr. Grubb:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has reviewed the City of Camarillo's (City) Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Dizdar Park Renovation and Expansion Project (Project). Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding those activities involved in the Project that may affect California fish and wildlife. Likewise, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding those aspects of the Project that CDFW, by law, may be required to carry out or approve through the exercise of its own regulatory authority under the Fish and Game Code.

### CDFW's Role

CDFW is California's Trustee Agency for fish and wildlife resources and holds those resources in trust by statute for all the people of the State [Fish & Game Code, §§ 711.7, subdivision (a) & 1802; Public Resources Code, § 21070; California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, § 15386, subdivision (a)]. CDFW, in its trustee capacity, has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (Id., § 1802). Similarly, for purposes of CEQA, CDFW is charged by law to provide, as available, biological expertise during public agency environmental review efforts, focusing specifically on projects and related activities that have the potential to adversely affect state fish and wildlife resources.

CDFW is also submitting comments as a Responsible Agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, § 21069; CEQA Guidelines, § 15381). CDFW expects that it may need to exercise regulatory authority as provided by the Fish and Game Code, including lake and streambed alteration regulatory authority (Fish & Game Code, § 1600 *et seq.*). Likewise, to the extent implementation of the Project as proposed may result in "take", as defined by State law, of any species protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish & Game Code, § 2050 *et seq.*), or CESA-listed rare plant pursuant to the Native Plant Protection Act (NPPA; Fish & Game Code, §1900 *et seq.*), CDFW recommends the Project proponent obtain appropriate authorization under the Fish and Game Code.

*Conserving California's Wildlife Since 1870*

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## Project Description and Summary

**Objective:** The proposed Project involves demolition of a former fire station, demolition of a vacant office building, and the renovation and expansion of Dizdar Park. The park would include a new pergola, playground, band shell, sitting garden, picnic area, bathrooms, parking lot, and new paved pathways throughout the 1.7-acre project site. The project would include removal of the existing fire station's asphalt driveway and existing landscape in the southern portion of the Project site. An asphalt parking lot would be constructed and would include approximately 20 standard parking spaces.

**Location:** The Project is located within the City of Camarillo in Ventura County. The site proposed for the Project is a 1.7-acre area located at the southeastern corner of the intersection of Ventura Boulevard and South Glenn Drive. The site includes Dizdar Park, a former fire station at 2474 Ventura Boulevard, and the vacant office building at 2402 Ventura Boulevard.

## COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CDFW offers the comments and recommendations below to assist the City in adequately identifying, avoiding, and/or mitigating significant, or potentially significant, direct, and indirect impacts on fish and wildlife (biological) resources resulting from the Project. CDFW looks forward to commenting on the DEIR when it is released. CDFW may have additional comments to the DEIR not addressed in this letter.

### Specific Comments

- 1) Landscaping. Expansion and renovation of Dizdar Park likely includes vegetative landscaping. If vegetative landscaping is including in the Project, CDFW recommends the City consider the following:
  - a) CDFW strongly recommends the City consider a landscaping plant palette that includes a diversity of drought tolerant native plants, lawn grass alternatives, and plants that benefit and invite birds, beneficial insects, pollinators, and butterflies. See **General Comments** below for additional information on landscaping and native plants. CDFW recommends the DEIR include the Project's landscaping plan for review and commenting. Species should be listed by growing duration (annual, perennial), life form (grasses, shrubs, trees, vines), and structure (ground cover, shrubs, tree canopy).
- 2) Impacts of Design Features and Alternatives. To enable CDFW to adequately review and comment on the proposed Project, the DEIR should provide an impact analysis of proposed design features on biological resources and a range of feasible alternatives that are fully considered and evaluated (CEQA Guidelines, § 15126.6). Design features described in the DEIR should include (but not limited to) landscaping; permeable pavement; enclosures; fencing; solid walls; lighting; and building heights. Alternatives should avoid or otherwise minimize direct and indirect impacts to sensitive biological resources and wildlife movement areas.



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## General Comments

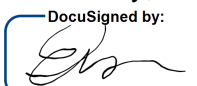
Landscaping. Habitat loss and invasive plants are a leading cause of native biodiversity loss. Invasive plant species spread quickly and can displace native plants, prevent native plant growth, and create monocultures. CDFW recommends the City avoid planting, seeding, or introducing invasive exotic plant species to landscaped areas. Invasive/exotic plants should be restricted from use in landscape plans for all actions associated with this Project. The California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) provides a Cal-IPC Inventory (<https://www.cal-ipc.org/plants/inventory/>) of non-native and invasive plants that threaten the State's natural areas. CDFW strongly recommends restricting species with a "High" rating from landscaping plans.

Information on alternatives for invasive, non-native, or landscaping plants may be found on the Cal-IPC's, Don't Plant a Pest (<https://www.cal-ipc.org/solutions/prevention/landscaping/dpp/>) webpage. Native plants could help to reduce water consumption and use of fertilizers. The Audubon Society's Native Plants Database (<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>) is a resource to identify native plants and trees that will attract and benefit birds. Birds may help to control and reduce insects, reducing the need for pesticides. The California Native Plant Society's Gardening (<https://www.cnps.org/gardening>) and Xerces Society's Pollinator-Friendly Native Plant Lists (<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/pollinator-friendly-plant-lists>) webpage has information on native plant species that invite insects and pollinators. Pollinators are critical components of our environment and essential to our food security. Insects – and primarily bees – provide the indispensable service of pollination to more than 85% of flowering plants.

## CONCLUSION

CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP to assist the City in identifying and mitigating the Project's potential impacts on biological resources. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Baron Barrera, Environmental Scientist, at [Baron.Barrera@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Baron.Barrera@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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**Re: 2021100259, Dizdar Park Renovation and Expansion Project, Ventura County**

Dear Mr. Grubb:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP), Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) or Early Consultation for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code §21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code §21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit.14, § 15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 (b))). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code §21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 5064 subd.(a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines §15064 (a)(1))). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will need to determine whether there are historical resources within the area of potential effect (APE).

CEQA was amended significantly in 2014. Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a separate category of cultural resources, "tribal cultural resources" (Pub. Resources Code §21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.2). Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)). **AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation, a notice of negative declaration, or a mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.** If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). **Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements.** If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. §800 et seq.) may also apply.

The NAHC recommends consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments.

**Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.**



AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

**1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project:**

Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:

- a. A brief description of the project.
- b. The lead agency contact information.
- c. Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d)).
- d. A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21073).

**2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report:** A lead agency shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or Environmental Impact Report. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).

- a. For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code §65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).

**3. Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe:** The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:

- a. Alternatives to the project.
- b. Recommended mitigation measures.
- c. Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

**4. Discretionary Topics of Consultation:** The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:

- a. Type of environmental review necessary.
- b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
- c. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
- d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

**5. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process:** With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code §6254 (r) and §6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (c)(1)).

**6. Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document:** If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:

- a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
- b. Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (b)).

- 7. Conclusion of Consultation:** Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
- a.** The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
  - b.** A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (b)).
- 8. Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document:** Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (a)).
- 9. Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation:** If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code §21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (e)).
- 10. Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:**
- a.** Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to:
    - i.** Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.
    - ii.** Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.
  - b.** Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:
    - i.** Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
    - ii.** Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
    - iii.** Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
  - c.** Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
  - d.** Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code §21084.3 (b)).
  - e.** Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a non-federally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code §815.3 (c)).
  - f.** Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code §5097.991).
- 11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource:** An Environmental Impact Report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:
- a.** The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2.
  - b.** The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.
  - c.** The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (d)).

The NAHC's PowerPoint presentation titled, "Tribal Consultation Under AB 52: Requirements and Best Practices" may be found online at: [http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation\\_CalEPAPDF.pdf](http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf)

## SB 18

SB 18 applies to local governments and requires local governments to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code §65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's "Tribal Consultation Guidelines," which can be found online at: [https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09\\_14\\_05\\_Updated\\_Guidelines\\_922.pdf](https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf).

Some of SB 18's provisions include:

1. Tribal Consultation: If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a "Tribal Consultation List." If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. **A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.** (Gov. Code §65352.3 (a)(2)).
2. No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation. There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.
3. Confidentiality: Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code §65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code §5097.9 and §5097.993 that are within the city's or county's jurisdiction. (Gov. Code §65352.3 (b)).
4. Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation: Consultation should be concluded at the point in which:
  - a. The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
  - b. Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).

Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: <http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/>.

## NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

1. Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center ([http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1068](http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1068)) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:
  - a. If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
  - b. If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
  - c. If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
  - d. If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
  - a. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.
  - b. The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.

3. Contact the NAHC for:
  - a. A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.
  - b. A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.
4. Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.
  - a. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
  - b. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
  - c. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code § 7050.5, Public Resources Code § 5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5, subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address:  
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Sincerely,



Andrew Green  
Cultural Resources Analyst


cc: State Clearinghouse



**VENTURA COUNTY  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**  
Memorandum

TO: Andrew Grubb, Senior Civil Engineer

DATE: November 15, 2021

FROM: Nicole Collazo, Air Quality Specialist, VCAPCD Planning Division 

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Camarillo Dizdar Park Expansion and Renovation (RMA 21-021)

Air Pollution Control District (APCD) staff has reviewed the subject Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the draft environmental impact report (DEIR), which will analyze the environmental impacts of the City of Camarillo's project to expand and renovate Dizdar Park. The park is located on the corner of Ventura Boulevard and South Glenn Drive within the City of Camarillo city limits. The Lead Agency is the City of Camarillo.

APCD has the following comments regarding the project's NOP of a DEIR.

**General Comments**

1) *Air Quality Section*- The air quality assessment should consider project consistency with the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). The 2016 AQMP presents Ventura County's strategy (including related mandated elements) to attain the 2008 federal 8-hour ozone standard by 2020, as required by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and applicable U.S. EPA clean air regulations. The 2016 AQMP uses an updated 2012 emissions inventory as baseline for forecasting data, SCAG RTP 2016 data, and CARB's EMFAC2014 emission factors for mobile sources. The AQMP can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.vcapcd.org/AQMP-2016.htm>.

2) The Ventura County Air Quality Assessment Guidelines (AQAG) is recommended to evaluate all potential air quality impacts. The AQAG are also downloadable from our website here: <http://www.vcapcd.org/environmental-review.htm>. Specifically, the air quality assessment should consider reactive organic compound, nitrogen oxide emissions and particulate matter from all project-related motor vehicles, sources not permitted with APCD, and construction equipment that may result from potential buildout, as appropriate to future development policies and implementation measures. We note that the AQAG has not been updated since 2003 and serves as a reference and is not required or mandated by the APCD (AQAG, Page 1-1). Current air quality determinations follow the same methodology but using different tools (CalEEMod vs. URBEMIS, updated OEHHA standards for toxics). The recommended list of mitigation measures in the AQAG are also limited and outdated. For example, the following template is

currently being recommended by APCD as a Commenting Agency for projects that include construction equipment, reflecting state laws adopted since the AQAG was last updated in 2003:

### **Construction Equipment**

**Purpose:** In order to ensure that ozone precursor and particulate emissions from diesel-powered mobile construction equipment are reduced to the greatest amount feasible.

**Requirement:** The Permittee shall comply with the provisions of all applicable California State Laws and APCD Rules and Regulations regarding portable construction equipment and construction vehicles.

**Documentation:** The project applicant shall ensure compliance with the following State Laws and APCD requirements:

- I. Construction equipment shall not have visible emissions greater than 20% opacity, as required by APCD Rule 50, Opacity.
- II. All portable diesel-powered equipment over 50 BHP shall be registered with the State's Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) or an APCD Portable Permit.
- III. Off-Road Heavy-Duty trucks shall comply with the California State Regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles (Title 13, CCR §2449), the purpose of which is to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> and diesel particulate matter exhaust emissions.
- IV. On-Road Heavy-Duty trucks shall comply with the California State Regulation for In-Use On-Road Diesel Vehicles (Title 13, CCR §2025), the purpose of which is to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> and diesel particulate matter exhaust emissions.
- V. All commercial on-road and off-road diesel vehicles are subject to the idling limits of Title 13, CCR §2485, §2449(d)(3), respectively. Construction equipment shall not idle for more than five (5) consecutive minutes. The idling limit does not apply to: (1) idling when queuing; (2) idling to verify that the vehicle is in safe operating condition; (3) idling for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes; (4) idling necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed (such as operating a crane); (5) idling required to bring the machine system to operating temperature, and (6) idling necessary to ensure safe operation of the vehicle. It is the Permittee's responsibility to have a written idling policy that is made available to operators of the vehicles and equipment and informs them that idling is limited to 5 consecutive minutes or less, except as exempted in subsection a. above.

The following are recommended emission reduction measures for construction equipment and vehicles:

- I. Diesel powered equipment should be replaced by electric equipment whenever feasible.
- II. Maintain equipment engines in good condition and in proper tune as per manufacturer's specifications.
- III. Lengthen the construction period during smog season (May through October), to minimize the number of vehicles and equipment operating at the same time.
- IV. Use alternatively fueled construction equipment, such as compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), or electric, if feasible.
- V. Use of Tier 3 and Tier 4 off-road construction equipment shall be used, if feasible.



3) If the proposed action is to demolish the existing fire station building and/or the vacant office building, such demolition activities must be in compliance with APCD's Rule 62.7, *Asbestos-Demolition and Renovation*. The DEIR should include a section under the toxics exposure criteria for air quality to discuss potential exposure of asbestos, a toxic air contaminant, to sensitive receptors nearby, with emphasis on park visitors. Compliance with APCD Rule 62.7 is outlined before in a standard condition of approval that may be added to the project if approved.

## **DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES**

**Purpose:** To ensure that the owner or operator of a facility shall remove all asbestos-containing material from a facility being demolished.

**Requirement:** Project demolition activities shall be operated in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, with emphasis on Rule 62.7, *Asbestos – Demolition and Renovation*.

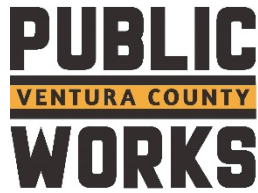
**Documentation:** The project applicant shall ensure compliance with the following provision:

- I. The applicant shall submit an AB3205 Form to APCD for approval. In addition, the contractor shall notify APCD 10 business days prior to the abatement commencement, if applicable, by submitting a Notification of Demolition or Renovation Form. Demolition and/or renovation activities shall be conducted in compliance with APCD Rule 62.7, *Asbestos – Demolition and Renovation*.

**Timing:** Prior to issuance of a demolition permit(s) by Building & Safety or the applicable jurisdiction agency.

**Reporting and Monitoring:** AB3205 form must be submitted to and approved by APCD. Building & Safety has this form in their checklist of required items to submit prior to issuance of a demolition permit. The Notification of Demolition or Renovation Form must be submitted to APCD. Enforcement of notification requirements for both forms and compliance with the APCD Asbestos Rule will be enforced by APCD Asbestos Inspectors and/or on a complaint-driven basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project. If you have any questions, you may contact me at [nicole@vcapcd.org](mailto:nicole@vcapcd.org).



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**DATE:** November 8, 2021

**TO:** Anthony Ciuffetelli, RMA Planner, County of Ventura

**FROM:** Alex Hill, Engineer III, Advanced Planning Section

**SUBJECT:** RMA21-021 Dizdar Park Renovation and Expansion  
Watershed Protection (WP) Project Number: WC2021-0071

Pursuant to your request dated October 15, 2021 this office has reviewed the submitted materials and provides the following comments.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The proposed site for the project is a 1.7-acre area located at the southeastern corner of the intersection of Ventura Boulevard and South Glenn Drive. Camarillo, CA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project would include removal of the existing fire station asphalt driveway and existing landscape in the southern portion of the project site. An asphalt parking lot would be constructed and would include approximately 20 standard parking spaces.

**WATERSHED PROTECTION COMMENTS:**

1. The proposed project is located approximately 650 feet west of Lewis Road Drain, which is a redline channel under the jurisdiction of Ventura County Watershed Protection (WP). The project proponent is hereby informed that it is WP's standard that a project cannot impair, divert, impede, or alter the characteristics of the flow of water running in any jurisdictional red line channel under the requirements of Ordinance WP-2. Given that site drainage ultimately flows to this regional drainage facility, WP requests that hydrologic and hydraulic analysis be conducted to ensure that post project stormwater runoff conditions are no greater than pre project conditions for the 100-year, 50-year, 25-year, and 10-year design storm frequencies.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at [Alexander.Hill@ventura.org](mailto:Alexander.Hill@ventura.org) or by phone at (805) 654-3795.

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# Dizdar Park Renovation and Expansion Project

## Verbal Comments Received at October 28, 2021 Project Status Meeting

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*Notes by Rincon Consultants, Inc.*

1. Could the roof tiles from the fire station building be repurposed?
2. Can the fire station façade be preserved?
3. Is the existing on-site ficus tree historic?
4. Ground-penetrating radar conducted on site for burial removals was not conducted under the existing buildings.
5. Pleasant Valley Historical Society requested a copy of the cultural report for the project once completed for its archives.
6. It should be clarified that the “Fire House” includes more than just the fire station. For example, it also includes a community center/previous library etc.
7. Concerns regarding potential impacts to Transportation, including:
  - a. Pedestrian crossing at Ventura Blvd/Glenn Drive
  - b. Freeway off-ramps
  - c. Other modes of transportation than motor vehicles
8. Area needs to be safe for people to walk and bicycle to park, instead of driving.
9. Will proposed parking be adequate? (Also noted: Parking issues currently exist in area with adjacent school.)
10. Need to analyze potential impacts to adjacent school (St. Mary Magdalen).

# Public Comments from the Dizdar Park Public Meeting March 22, 2022, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

*Prepared by Rincon Consultants, Inc. on March 23, 2022 based on notes taken at public meeting.*

## Playground

1. Would new playground equipment be added to the park before project construction begins?  
Currently, the park does not have playground equipment for children.
2. Recommends playground equipment look like the fire equipment used at former fire station.
3. Recommends a swing be added to the playground equipment.
4. Recommends inclusion of a “splash pad” (a water fountain that children can run through).
5. Recommendations for rubberized safety playgroup surface (*note from Bill Rabben: coloring can last 15 to 20 years without fading*):
  - a. Black top will be hot
  - b. Lighter colors can reflect sun/heat

## Signage/Art

6. Recommends a plaque for Dizdar, who donated the park land to the City.
7. Recommends a sign denoting the former fire station building was located on site.
8. Recommends a sign for the park at the southbound U.S. Highway 101 exit for the park.
9. Recommends use of local artists, including Chumash artists, for park art.
10. Would additional information on the two plywood paintings currently covering windows on the former fire station building be provided?
11. What are the City’s plans to preserve the two plywood painting on the former fire station building?

## Landscaping/Plant Palette

12. Recommends bougainvillea (the City plant) be placed along trellises in park.
13. Recommends the City use a native plant palette for landscaping.

14. Recommends not including stain-causing flowering plants (for children's clothes).
15. Concerned the City be removing an existing mature tree for the proposed parking area. Can the tree be saved as part of the project?

### Band Shell

16. Recommends the stage not face the sun to shield the performers.
17. Recommends providing awning to shade the band shell from sun.

### Restrooms

18. Concern about restroom security. Public restrooms could result in increased homeless population in area.
19. Recommends use of early 19th century architecture style for restroom.
20. Recommendations for restroom (*note from City: all restrooms will likely be general-neutral*):
  - a. Include a family restroom
  - b. Required by State to have non-binary restroom in addition to male and female restrooms
21. Recommends restroom architecture be similar to other fire stations in Camarillo.
22. Concerned that restroom will face street.

### Building Materials/Reuse of Existing Materials/Structures

23. Will the dedicated pillars and bricks from the former chamber of commerce building be incorporated into the project?
24. Will environmentally friendly construction materials be used?
25. Several recommendations to retain and reuse the former fire station building. Recommended uses for building:
  - a. After-school care
  - b. Restrooms
  - c. "Green room" for performers
  - d. Farmers market

### Additional Comments

26. Commenter thinks the basketball court from the adjacent school was going to the park project site. Requested City to find the corresponding paperwork from City Attorney.

27. Concern about child safety. How will children be deterred from running into Ventura Boulevard?
28. Disagreement that vehicle miles traveled (VMT) impacts would be less than significant because the project site is within 0.5 mile of a major transit stop.
29. Recommends coordination with tribes.