NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Grass Valley has determined that the project described below will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the City is preparing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration as the appropriate level of environmental review.

Project Description: The Wolf Creek Trail Project is an approximately ±2.3-mile trail that roughly follows the alignment of Wolf Creek through the City of Grass Valley from its southern limits to the northeast corner of town. The trail is located entirely within the Caltrans and City right-of-way. The trail will be separated from vehicular traffic to the greatest extent feasible and extend an existing ±1.2-mile section that currently ends at Freeman Lane and Allison Ranch Road. The trail will be used by both pedestrians and bicyclists alike. Additional amenities include trail signage, benches, interpretive signage, murals, and fencing along segments of the trail. Safety improvements and signage would be installed at crossings to conform to applicable standards. The proposed path is 10-feet wide in most locations, narrowing to a lesser width in constrained locations. In the areas with significant slopes, retaining walls will be installed as edge treatments. When on or adjacent to existing roadways, the proposed trail would be a 10-foot wide concrete shared bicycle and pedestrian path separated from the existing road by curb and gutter.

Approximate coordinates at the center of the Wolf Creek Trail Project are 39° 13' 13" north and -121° 03' 15" west.

Public Comment: A 30-day review period for the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration starts on April 20, 2023, and runs through close of business on May 19, 2023.

The City based this tentative determination on an environmental Initial Study that concluded the project will result in no potentially significant environmental impacts as mitigated. Anyone may review the Initial Study at the Grass Valley Community Development Department at City Hall, 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California, during normal business hours or https://www.cityofgrassvalley.com/environmental-documents

Final environmental determinations are made by the decision-making body, which in this case is the City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing on April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to introduce the project. At the close of the public comment period, the City Council will hold a public hearing tentatively on June 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and to attend the Planning Commission meeting and give testimony.

For more information, please call or email during normal business hours of City Hall. During the review period written comments on the project and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration may be submitted to:

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