

NOTICE OF INTENT

TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

April 29, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (District) has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration of the following described project at the following location:	
Lead Agency:	Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District 4860 Carmel Valley Road Carmel, California 93923
Project Name:	Palo Corona Regional Park General Development Plan
Project Description:	<p>The General Development Plan (GDP) was commissioned by the District to investigate the range of recreational opportunities appropriate for the Park through site assessment, master planning, and public outreach. It provides a planning blueprint for conservation, stewardship, and public access to manage the 4,585-acre Park. As stated in the GDP, the Park is to be maintained for public enjoyment and its natural resources protected in perpetuity, and must provide recreation, educational, and research opportunities while conserving and/or restoring the land's valuable natural resources.</p> <p>The preferred alternative, analyzed herein as the GDP, includes improvements and additions to the Park's trail network, renovation and re-use of facilities, an off-leash dog park, and new community involvement and revenue generation opportunities. The primary focus of the GDP is on hiking and passive recreation on the existing trail network, but also includes plans for expanded day-use amenities and facilities. Park improvements would occur in Rancho Cañada, Front Ranch, and Back County units.</p> <p>The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration analyzes all individual proposed projects that are expected to have a physical effect on the environment. Adoption of the GDP would not directly involve the construction of proposed improvement projects, but would rather facilitate the future development of such improvements. Thus, the Initial Study evaluates the environmental impacts associated with the GDP at a programmatic level and provides programmatic-level mitigation measures.</p>
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The proposed GDP would facilitate improvements throughout the 4,585-acre Park.
<p>This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	

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<input type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.	
If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:		
Date:	Time:	Location:
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at: 4860 Carmel Valley Road Carmel, California 93923		
In addition, the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format at the following web addresses: https://www.mprpd.org/palo-corona-regional-park or http://palocorona.org/		
A thirty-day public review period for the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on April 29, 2019 and conclude on May 29, 2019. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency (at the address above) prior to 5:00 PM on May 29, 2019. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.		

For additional information regarding this project, please contact:

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