



Sanborn County Park Trails Master Plan

On **Tuesday, October 21, 2008** the Board of Supervisors took final action on the Sanborn County Park Trails Master Plan Project and Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)(Agenda item #33). At the meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Resolution for the Mitigated Negative Declaration based on the findings that the Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared in accordance with law and reflects the County's independent judgment analysis; that the Board has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration and all comments received during the comment period; and, that there is no substantial evidence in the record that the project, as mitigated, will have a significant impact on the environment. The Board also adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and approved the project. The Board identified the Clerk of the Board and the Department of Parks and Recreation as the location and custodian of the documents or other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based. After the IS/MND was adopted, a Notice of Determination (NOD) was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder's office and a copy of the recorded NOD was sent to the State Clearinghouse and is attached for your review and consideration.

Copies of the NOD and background environmental review documentation for the Sanborn Trails Master Plan are posted on the Parks and Recreation Department's website (www.parkhere.org). In addition, the project documents are available for public viewing at the Parks Department's Administration Building, 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, 95032, and the County Office of the Clerk of the Board, 70 West Hedding, East Wing, 10th Floor, San Jose, 95110, during normal business hours.

For an official meeting summary of the Board of Supervisors' actions on October 21, 2008, please go to the County of Santa Clara's website at www.sccgov.org (click on "Summary of Board of Supervisors' Meeting" link) or contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 299-5001.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the project, please contact John Falkowski, at (408) 355-2232 or by e-mail at john.falkowski@prk.sccgov.org, or Kimberly Brosseau, at (408) 355-2230 or by e-mail at kimberly.brosseau@prk.sccgov.org. Mailed correspondence may be sent to: Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032.

Notice of Determination

File#: 15131

10/21/2008

To: County Clerk
 County of Santa Clara

Office of Planning & Research
 1400 Tenth St., Room 121
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title		File
Sanborn County Park Trails Master Plan		N/A
State Clearinghouse Number	County Contact Person	Telephone Number
SCH# 2007022016	Kimberly Brosseau, Park Planner	(408) 355-2230
Project Location		APN (s)
Sanborn County Park 16055 Sanborn Road, Saratoga CA 95070		51728011, 51702030, 54410001, 54410005, 54419011, 54407023, 54418005, 54410006, 51704062, 51704063, 51703005, 51706004, 51704034, 54410009, 54404025, 54410011, 54417002, 51737006, 51705062, 54409003, 54410010, 54404015, 54409002, 54409004, 54408012, 51706021, 51704064, 51706022, 51703034, 54409009, 54410004, 51701011, 51704061, 54408013, 54404017, 54410003, 54410012, 54420011, 54407014, 54411019, 50346002
Project Description		
<p>The Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was originally brought before the Board of Supervisors on May 22, 2007. The expanded IS/MND was circulated from April 24, 2008 to May 24, 2008 to solicit public comment. The Sanborn County Park Trails Master Plan defines an expanded trail system to meet the changing recreational and interpretive needs of a diverse and growing population. Sanborn County Park is estimated to be operating below visitor capacity, thus the 3,688-acre park provides an immediate opportunity to attract and serve more park visitors. Sanborn County Park has the lowest density of trails (trail miles per park acreage) of all the County parks that do not include large reservoirs. Expansion of the trail system makes the park more available and attractive to the park users.</p> <p>The Sanborn County Park Trails Master Plan approximately doubles the length of the existing trail system. The current trail system provides 19 miles of trails for hikers and equestrians. This Trails Master Plan expands the system to approximately 38 miles of trails for hikers, dog walkers, equestrians and mountain bikers. Forty named trails are proposed ranging from short one-quarter mile loops to five-mile long distance trails.</p> <p>Three regional trails are planned within Sanborn County Park: the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail and the Saratoga to Sanborn Trail. These trails support dual use or multiple use. These regional routes reflect current visitor demands for multiple use trails. Trail uses within the park will be expanded based upon the changing interests of the public. The once rural and agricultural character of the "Valley of Heart's Delight" has steadily been giving way to high tech culture of "Silicon Valley." This cultural evolution has brought with it a change in desired trail uses. This plan reflects the trail use changes of the regional trail systems and of the residents of Santa Clara County.</p> <p>This plan dismantles the existing trail system and weaves segments of these trails into the new routes. The majority of the existing system is integrated into this plan, but in two areas the trails are reorganized, and in some instances closed or rerouted, to better protect park resources, improve circulation and reduce visitor confusion. The two areas of trail reorganization are the Day Use Area situated between the Youth Science Institute and Walden West and the parklands located east of Sanborn Road near the confluence of Sanborn and Aubry Creeks.</p> <p>The Trails Master Plan identifies alignments for three planned regional trails, improves internal park circulation between distant regions of the park, strengthens and expands the environmental education use of the trails in the center of the park, adds diversity to the trail experiences and provides both short-term and long-range solutions to trail access from the central Day Use Area.</p>		

This is to advise that the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors (decision maker) has adopted the above described project on September 23, 2008 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the project. The Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at the Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation.

1. The project : will have will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Monitoring Program was was not adopted.
3. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
Mitigation measures: have have not been made a condition of approval of the project.
4. An Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
Mitigation measures: have have not been made a condition of approval of the project.
A Statement of Overriding Considerations : was was not adopted for this project.
 Findings were made pursuant to Section 15091 of CEQA.

Signature:

Kily Brown

Date:

10/21/08

Title:

Parks Planner III