Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

A notice, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (Public Resources Code 21000, et seq.) that the following project when implemented will not have a significant impact on the environment.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Project Name</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Project Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Coyote Creek Parkway County Park Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and Master Plan (integrated Plan)</td>
<td>Regional Parks Master Plan</td>
<td>A 1972 Coyote Creek Park Master Plan formalized a long-range vision for Coyote Creek as both a natural and recreational corridor to be maintained and enhanced. In 2000, the Parks Department completed a Department-wide Strategic Plan that called for integrated recreation and resource management planning for all County Parks, including Coyote Creek Parkway County Park.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Coyote Creek Parkway County Park is a linear park on either side of Coyote Creek, beginning at the base of Anderson Dam near Morgan Hill and continuing north to Hellyer County Park in San Jose. It is 15 miles long, includes 1,982 acres of land, and is operated by the Santa Clara County Parks Department. The Parkway was conceived in the 1990s when both the City of San Jose and the County began acquiring lands adjacent to Coyote Creek for use as parkland. The Parkway is linear land along Coyote Creek, as both a natural and recreational corridor to be maintained and enhanced. In 2000, the Parks Department completed a Department-wide Strategic Plan that called for integrated recreation and resource management planning for all County Parks, including Coyote Creek Parkway County Park.

To address these needs, the Parks Department developed the Coyote Creek Parkway County Park Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and Master Plan (the Integrated Plan). The primary objective of the Integrated Plan is to balance the long-term resource management of the Parkway corridor with recreation use. The Integrated Plan follows a two-tiered approach for managing Parkway resources and developing facilities. The first tier encompasses immediate actions and clearly delineated and determined future actions within the existing boundaries of the Parkway. The second tier addresses long-term plans for expansion of the Parkway and realignment of trails and recreational facilities out of sensitive habitats. For additional details and a concise list of actions included in the project, see the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Coyote Creek Parkway County Park Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and Master Plan, Chapter 2 – Project Description.

The full text of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the following locations: Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Dept. Offices, 398 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, County Parks Dept. website at www.parkhere.org, Santa Clara County Clerk Recorder's Office, 70 West Hawfing Dr, San Jose, Morgan Hill Library at 17575 Peak Ave, Morgan Hill, San Jose Public Library, Santa Teresa branch, at 290 International Circle, San Jose, 95115. A printed copy is also available upon request.
The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the County Parks & Recreation Department has recommended that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be approved for this project. County Parks & Recreation Department Planning staff has reviewed the Initial Study prepared for the project, and based upon substantial evidence in the record, finds that the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment.

Adoption is tentatively scheduled on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration before the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors on January 9, 2027 in the Board Chambers, 79 W. Hedding, San Jose. If the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted, the decision may be protested upon filing an appeal with the Parks & Recreation Department's Administration Office at 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, CA. It should be noted that adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration does not constitute approval of the project under consideration. The decision to approve any project will be made separately by the Board of Supervisors.

Responsible Agencies:
Public comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of this Mitigated Negative Declaration are invited and must be received on or before the close of the public review period. Such comments should be based on specific environmental concerns. Written comments should be addressed to the Elish Ryan, Park Planner, County of Santa Clara, Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Offices, 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032, (408) 355-2238. Oral comments may be made at the meeting noted above. A file containing additional information on this project may be reviewed at the Parks Department's Administration Offices. When requesting to view this file, please refer to project title appearing at the top of this form.

Responsible Agencies and Other Agencies sent copy of this document:
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Dept of Fish & Game, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries, California Dept. of Toxic Substances, California Dept. of Transportation, City of San Jose, City of Morgan Hill, Santa Clara County Planning Dept, Santa Clara Valley Water District, State Clearing House.

These findings are based on the following considerations (see Note below):

See the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for those measures necessary to mitigate or avoid significant environmental effects that are included in this project.

Mitigation Measures are required for the following environmental impact areas: Sewage/Water Quality, Biological Resources, Air Quality, Noise, Historical/Archaeological.

Prepared by:
Elish Ryan, Park Planner Santa Clara County Parks signature date

Approved by:
Lisa Killough, Director Santa Clara County Parks signature date

FOR CLERK-RECORDER FILING STAMP

FILE NO.

For CLERK-RECORDER USE ONLY

POSTED ON THROUGH

In The Office Of The County Clerk Recorder Brenda Davis, County Clerk
BY , DEPUTY