Notice of Determination

To: County Clerk
County of Santa Clara

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

Project Title: Santa Teresa County Park Historic Area Site Plan

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH # 2009082008
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Project Location:
Santa Teresa County Park, 551 Manila Drive, San Jose California

The project location is within the northern portion of Santa Teresa County Park, bordered by Curie Drive, San Ignacio Avenue and Manila Drive.

Project Description:
The project consists of a site plan for the approximate 9 acre undeveloped portion of the Santa Teresa County Park Historic Area. The Site Plan identifies proposed improvements including connecting trails, a staging area/parking lot, site access, street and sidewalk improvements along Curie Drive and San Ignacio Avenue, bus drop-off/parking area, fencing, interpretive and display areas and facilities, signage (interpretive, directional, and regulatory), vegetated areas/plantings, restored oak woodlands and native grasslands, water themed interpretive elements, related infrastructure improvements such as storm drainage and irrigation, and a visitor center which includes a courtyard, courtyard walls, trellises, and gardens. The proposed visitor center was evaluated at a program level and will require additional CEQA analysis prior to implementation/construction. The Site Plan also recommends a future trail which would allow trail users access from the new parking area to the existing Norred trail and future development of shared-use pathways along the perimeter of the Historic Area with a loop trail/access to connect to the existing Norred trail in the park.

The Site Plan does not propose any alterations or changes to the historic structures, which consist of the Jacoba Bernal house and garage and the Pedro Bernal house. However, changes are proposed to some of the outbuildings/auxiliary buildings including the “L” shaped barn and were analyzed at a project level CEQA review. The Site Plan also identifies planned improvements to areas around the Jacoba Bernal house, including relocation of the driveway, fencing along the park entry and Curie Drive, street improvements along Curie Drive, and a new adobe wall and trellis to separate the historic structure from public use, and provide screening and privacy from the planned visitor center.

Additional CEQA review will be required for any potential future trail connection from the project site to the existing Norred trail, which is contingent on approval from the Santa Clara Valley Water District for a future public crossing at the Coyote Alamitos Canal and the maintenance road which is owned by the District and not part of the park’s trail system. The Coyote Alamitos canal and maintenance road is not within the project area. The Site Plan does not address other aspects of park development and use beyond the project area.

Based on the environmental evaluation presented in the Initial Study, the project will not cause significant adverse effects related to aesthetics, air quality, agricultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population/housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic and utilities/service systems. In addition, substantial adverse effects on humans, either direct or indirect, will not occur. The project will not cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal.
Environmental measures are methods, measures, or practices incorporated into the project that avoid, reduce, or minimize a project's adverse effects on various environmental resources. Design guidelines and Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been incorporated into the project to ensure that project-related effects are avoided or minimized. Successful implementation of design guidelines and BMPs would ensure the minimization of air quality impacts related to construction dust, and minimization of erosion and siltation.

Mitigation measures are required for the following environmental impact areas: Biological Resources, Historical/Archaeological. These impacts and mitigation measures are identified in the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. The mitigation measures will ensure that all impacts remain less than significant. The full text of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration which includes the Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Plan is available at the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department’s Administrative Office, 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos or on the County Parks Department’s website at www.parkhere.org.

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:  [Signature]  Date:  12-18-09

Title:  Deputy Director, Administration
Santa Clara County Clerk—Recorder's Office
State of California

REGINA ALCOMENDRAS, County Clerk—Recorder
by Laura Luna, Deputy Clerk—Recorder

1. LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department

2. PROJECT TITLE: Santa Teresa County Park Historic Area Site Plan

3. APPLICANT NAME: Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department

4. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032

5. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: Local Public Agency

6. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 30 DAYS.

7. CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
   a. PROJECTS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO DFG FEES
      1. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21152) $2,768.25 $0.00
      2. NEGATIVE DECLARATION (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21080(C)) $1,993.00 $1,993.00
      3. APPLICATION FEE WATER DIVERSION (STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ONLY) $850.00 $0.00
      4. PROJECTS SUBJECT TO CERTIFIED REGULATORY PROGRAMS $941.25 $0.00
      5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE (REQUIRED FOR a-1 THROUGH a-4 ABOVE) $50.00 $50.00
   b. PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM DFG FEES
      1. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION ($50.00 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE REQUIRED) $50.00 $0.00
      2. A COMPLETED “CEQA FILING FEE NO EFFECT DETERMINATION FORM” FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME, DOCUMENTING THE DFG'S DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND HABITAT, OR AN OFFICIAL, DATED RECEIPT / PROOF OF PAYMENT SHOWING PREVIOUS PAYMENT OF THE DFG FILING FEE FOR THE "SAME PROJECT IS ATTACHED ($50.00 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE REQUIRED) DOCUMENT TYPE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT $50.00 $0.00
   c. NOTICES THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DFG FEES OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE FEES
      NOTICE OF PREPARATION NO FEE $0.00
      NOTICE OF INTENT NO FEE $0.00

8. OTHER: ____________________________________________________________ FEE (IF APPLICABLE): $0.00

9. TOTAL RECEIVED: $2,043.00

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THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED TO THE FRONT OF ALL CEQA DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE (INCLUDING COPIES) SUBMITTED FOR FILING, WE WILL NEED AN ORIGINAL (WET SIGNATURE) AND THREE COPIES. (YOUR ORIGINAL WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU AT THE TIME OF FILING.)

CHECKS FOR ALL FEES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: SANTA CLARA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

PLEASE NOTE: FEES ARE ANNUALLY ADJUSTED (Fish & Game Code §711.4(b)); PLEASE CHECK WITH THIS OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE LATEST FEE INFORMATION.

"... NO PROJECT SHALL BE OPERATIVE, VESTED, OR FINAL, NOR SHALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS FOR THE PROJECT BE VALID, UNTIL THE FILING FEES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE PAID." Fish & Game Code §711.4(c)(3)

12-02-2009 (FEES EFFECTIVE 01-01-2009)