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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAPWI TRAILS COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT

The Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD), as the Lead Agency for the Sapwi Trails Community Park project, has prepared an Initial Study to determine whether the project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, CRPD hereby finds:

The proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment; therefore, it does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Although the proposed project could have a significant adverse effect on the environment, there will not be a significant adverse effect in this case because the Mitigation Measures described on the attached Initial Study have been added to the project; therefore, it does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

The Initial Study and supporting documents that provide the basis and reasons for this determination are attached and hereby made a part of this document.

PROJECT TITLE:

Sapwi Trails Community Park

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project will be located within an approximately 145-acre project site (although the project will not encompass the entirety of the site) in the northeastern portion of the City of Thousand Oaks, Ventura County, California in what is generally considered the “Lang Ranch” area of the City. The project site is generally bound by East Avenida de los Arboles to the north, “The Knolls” apartment community to the northeast, Westlake Boulevard to the east and southeast, a single-family residential neighborhood to the south, open space to the south and southwest, Erbes Road to the west, and another single-family residential community to the northwest. The project site’s location corresponds to Township 2 North, Range 19 West (SBBM), Sections 35 and 36 of the Thousand Oaks, California, Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series Topographical Map published by the U.S. Geological Survey.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

CRPD proposes to develop a Community Park on the approximately 145-acre project site, consisting of roughly 17 improved acres of various recreational amenities and special facilities which would support a

number of passive and semi-passive recreational activities such as hiking, biking, disc golf, and non-motorized model glider flying. The project will be comprised of open space, interconnecting multi-use trails, and several distinctive activity areas containing several recreational amenities, as well as ancillary facilities such as parking lots and restrooms. The following provides a summary description of primary project features.


As discussed in the attached Initial Study, the project site is not designated on any hazardous materials list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

NOTICE:

The Initial Study and supporting documents are hereby provided for review by interested federal, state, and local agencies and organizations, and members of the public. The Initial Study and supporting documents are informational in nature and address potential environmental effects only. The CRPD Board of Directors will review the Initial Study and supporting documents, and potentially other sources of information, before considering the project.

This Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is circulated for a 30-day public review period starting September 18, 2014 and ending October 17, 2014. If you have comments on the Initial Study, the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and/or the supporting documents, please provide written comments to Denise Johns, Park Planner at djohns@crpd.org or the address shown below by 5:00 p.m. October 17, 2014. Please address your written comments to our finding that the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment: (1) identify the environmental effect(s), why they would occur, and why they would be significant, and (2) suggest any mitigation measures which you believe would eliminate or reduce the effect(s) to an acceptable level of significance. Regarding item (1) above, explain the basis for your comments and submit any supporting data or references.

During the 30-day public review period, a copy of the Initial Study and supporting documents are available for review at www.crpd.org/sapwi or at CRPD Headquarters located at 403 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. At the time of this notice, the date and time for the CRPD Board of Directors to consider the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and the project is not yet known. When a date and time for deliberation is known, the CRPD will notice the meeting separately in accordance with CRPD policies.

Signed: 
Tom Hare, Parks and Planning Administrator

Dated: September 18, 2014