NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

An Initial Study (ER 2017-00006) for a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Canyon Estates Drive/Canyon View Drive Intersection Improvement Project and is available for public review.

Project Name:

Canyon Estates Drive/Canyon View Drive Intersection Improvement Project

Project Location:

The project site is located in the southeast portion of the City of Lake Elsinore (City) in Riverside County. The project site is located at the intersection of Canyon Estates Drive and Canyon View Drive, approximately 700 feet east of Interstate 15 (I-15). Regional access to the project site is provided through Canyon Estates Drive, which connects to Railroad Canyon Road to the southeast of the project site, via Summerhill Drive. The project site is located on the Lake Elsinore, California, United States Geologic Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, Section 9 (Latitude 33°41’26” North; Longitude 117°19’59” West).

Project Description:

The City proposes to realign and reconstruct the intersection of Canyon Estates Drive and Canyon View Drive located within the City’s Lake Elsinore Hills District. The realignment will allow for a standard signalized four-way intersection that will connect realigned Canyon Estates Drive with Franklin Street and the future Camino Del Norte extension (currently proposed under a separate project). Canyon View Drive will connect to Franklin Street as a right-in/right out intersection and will be a stop-controlled intersection.

Major components of the proposed project include demolition of existing roadways and removal of demolished materials (asphalt concrete, soils, and vegetation); utility relocation (electrical power poles and water line blow-off valve); site preparation and grading; roadway, curb/gutter, sidewalk construction; and pavement striping; and storm drainage improvements, including a reconstruction of existing drainage facilities and installation of a new triple 54 inch reinforced concrete pipe and ancillary facilities.

Environmental Effects Anticipated as a Result of the Project

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. Staff has found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment on the basis of the Initial Study with implementation of recommended mitigation measures.
In accordance with the disclosure requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(g)(5), the project site is not listed as a hazardous property as designated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Public Review Period

The City Lake Elsinore is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for this project, and is holding a 30-day public review period on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) beginning on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, and ending on Thursday, November 30, 2017, during which time responsible agencies, the public, and interested parties are invited to comment on the IS/MND for the proposed project.

The IS/MND is available for review at the following locations in the City of Lake Elsinore:

- **City of Lake Elsinore, Community Development Department**, 130 South Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
- **Altha Merrifield Memorial Library**, 600 West Graham Avenue, City of Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
- **Vick Knight Community Library**, 32593 Riverside Drive, Building 200, City of Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

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