



CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, will hold a public hearing on January 25, 2022, at the Lake Elsinore Cultural Center, 183 North Main Street, Lake Elsinore, California, 92530, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and the proposed project, as described below. **ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are hereby invited to attend this Public Hearing to present written information, express opinions or otherwise present evidence in the above matter. If you wish to legally challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the Public Hearing.

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND; Environmental Review No. 2021-003) has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail Project (City Project No. Z10057) and is available for public review.

Project Name:

Murrieta Creek Multi-Use Trail Project (City Project No. Z10057).

Project Location:

The project is located in the East Lake District in the southern portion of the City of Lake Elsinore, in the western portion of Riverside County. The East Lake District is north of the City's jurisdictional boundary with the City of Wildomar, south and east of the Lake Elsinore; and west of Interstate 15. Specifically, the project site is located between the northern terminus of Skylark Drive and Stoneman Street and along Como Street to the existing Levee Trail. The project is within unsectioned lands of Township 6 South, Range 4 West of the Lake Elsinore, California U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic survey quadrangle and occurs within Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 371-100-020, 371-100-003, 370-120-001, and 370-120-063.

Project Description:

The proposed project entails construction of a regional multi-use trail (trail) that would extend in a northwest-southeast alignment between Skylark Drive and Stoneman Street adjacent to, and north of an existing residential neighborhood. At Stoneman Street, the trail would turn to the northeast and continue along the undeveloped road right-of-way for approximately 1,300 feet and then turn to the northwest within the undeveloped road right-of-way of future Como Street for approximately 1,300 feet. From there, the trail would turn to the southwest for approximately 1,000 feet and then approximately 750 feet to the west where it would connect with the existing Levee Trail. The proposed trail would be ten feet wide with two-foot-wide shoulders on each side of the trail. Wood post fencing would be installed on both sides of the trail. Arizona crossings, a span bridge, and a pipe culvert replacement and extension are proposed to cross existing ephemeral drainage features that intercept the trail. In addition, bollards, signage, and trash receptacles are also planned at public access points located at the Levee Trail connection, Stoneman Street, and Skylark Drive.

Environmental Effects Anticipated as a Result of the Project

Pursuant to 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 is the Lead Agency under CEQA for this project and is holding a 30-day public review period on the Draft IS/MND beginning on **Monday, December 20, 2021**, and ending on **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**, during which time responsible agencies, the public, and interested parties are invited to comment on the IS/MND for the proposed project.

The Draft IS/MND is available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lake Elsinore, Community Development Department, 130 South Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
- City of Lake Elsinore website at: <http://www.lake-elsinore.org/city-hall/community-development/planning/ceqa-documents-available-for-public-review/murrieta-creek-multi-use-trail-project>

Written comments and any questions regarding the project should be directed to:

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