

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform any responsible agencies, interested parties, and organizations that the City of Desert Hot Springs, as CEQA Lead Agency, has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the **Corporate Yard Park Project (proposed project)**.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located in the City of Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County, California. The project site is located east of Cholla Drive, south of Flora Avenue, and north of Hacienda Avenue. The 10-acre project site is assigned Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 663-320-008, -09, -011, -014, and -020.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes development of an approximately 7.6-acre community park, including a football field, baseball field, concessions/restroom area, and on-site parking. The City's Corporate Yard, which abuts Flora Avenue, would continue operations on the remainder of the project site. The purpose of the project is to provide increased parkland with sports fields for City residents, consistent with the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The main access to the project site would be provided via a driveway on Cholla Drive. The main access would provide access to the City's corporate yard to the north, a drop-off area near the center of the site, and the parking lot within the southwest portion of the site. Secondary access would be available on from Hacienda Avenue, directly into the main parking lot. On-site stormwater retention would be developed to capture on-site flows generated from installation of new impervious surfaces. Drought-tolerant plant beds and trees located within the proposed on-site retention areas around the parking lots along the eastern and southern site boundary and at access points.

POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS: The Draft IS/MND did not identify any potentially significant impacts. All environmental impacts analyzed could be reduced to a less-than-significant level with incorporation of mitigation measures identified in the IS/MND.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The project site is not located on any listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND WRITTEN COMMENTS: The public review period for submitting written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, commences on September 18, 2020 and will close on October 19, 2020. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND must be submitted no later than October 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to:

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft IS/MND is available for review at on the City's website at <https://www.cityofdhs.org/planning-documents>. A hard copy of the Draft IS/MND is available for review at the City's Public Works Department by appointment only. To request an appointment, please contact Daniel Porras via email or phone, as identified above.