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SCH #: 2020100179

Project Title: Ortega Park Master Plan

Lead Agency: City of Santa Barbara

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Project Location: Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project consists of the Ortega Park Master Plan, including demolition of existing facilities and construction of a new swimming pool, wading pool, water slide, skate park, splash pad, sports courts, shade sails, sports field with synthetic turf, ping pong tables, cornhole, and buildings for restrooms and maintenance. On-site improvements such as fencing, parking, landscaping, dumpsters and related enclosures, and internal walkways are also proposed. Right-of-way improvements including street parking, parking medians, and sidewalk installation are proposed. Front setback modifications to allow parking within the front setbacks along both Ortega Street and Salsipuedes Street are required. Planning Commission review of the proposed skate park for consistency with Community Park amenities is required. The park is considered a Community Park (except the ballfields and related facilities), a Sports Facility (for the ballfields and related facilities only), and a Community Building (the Welcome House) per City Council Resolution 17-074. The parcel is zoned P-R, with a General Plan designation of Parks and Open Space.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Biological Resources: The project involves removal of mature trees. Mitigation Measure BIO-1 requires that removal of vegetation and trees avoid the bird nesting season, or that bird nest surveys be conducted prior to removal if tree removal were to occur between Feb 15 and September 15. Impacts would be less than significant after mitigation.

Hazardous Materials: The project site contains contaminated soils as the site was used a municipal waste dump from approximately 1902 – 1927, until it was redeveloped as a City park. Mitigation measure HAZ-1 requires implementation of a Soil Management Plan. Impacts are anticipated to be less than significant with mitigation.

Noise: The project would include construction next to a school and residences. Mitigation Measures N-1, N-2, N-3, would ensure noise impacts to sensitive receptors would be minimized and would reduce impacts to less than significant.

Water Quality: The project site contains groundwater contamination and the project may encounter groundwater during construction activities including excavation for the aquatics facility. Implementation of Mitigation Measure HAZ-1, Soils Management Plan, would ensure proper disposal of potentially contaminated groundwater.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

None