



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

A notice, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (Public Resources Code 21,000, et sec.) that the following project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

File Number	TAZ	APN(s)	Date
NA	NA	080260140; 080220010; 080221240; 080210010; 080221040	October 21, 2020
Project Name		Project Type (Use)	
Alpine Road Trail Improvements Project		Repair and maintenance of the existing Alpine Road Trail alignment	
Owner		Applicant	
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District		Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District	
Project Location			
<p>The project site consists of approximately 6.5 acres of the existing Alpine Road Trail alignment located within the Coal Creek Open Space Preserve (Coal Creek OSP), which is managed by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. The Coal Creek OSP is located in unincorporated San Mateo County (County), approximately 4 miles east of the Town of La Honda and 6 miles southwest of the City of Los Altos. The project site is generally located north of Page Mill Road, about 0.7 miles north of its intersection with Skyline Boulevard (State Route [SR] 35).</p>			
Project Description			
<p>The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) proposes to implement grading, drainage, and erosion control repairs, and to conduct maintenance activities along approximately 7,400 linear feet of the existing Alpine Road Trail alignment. Additionally, the proposed project includes repair of a fill slope failure at the northern end of the Coal Creek OSP, where Alpine Road meets Ciervos Street (Site #21). This repair would primarily consist of the installation of two retaining walls. One wall would be constructed on the outboard edge of the road and have a height of up to 15 feet. This wall would be drilled and cast-in-place concrete pin pile wall with a grade beam at the road surface. A smaller wall (4 to 6 feet in height) would be installed to shore the inboard edge of the road. This wall would be a soldier pile wall with concrete piers, steel posts, and timber lagging.</p> <p>The proposed project would include replacing 14 old culverts, constructing surface drainage features (e.g., regrading road cross slope, installing reverse grade dips, and rocking the surface of problem areas), and re-routing the existing bypass trail. The proposed project would convert approximately 4,800 linear feet of the road to a trail, with a minimum width of 6 feet by removing fill on the outboard edge, extending from Site #10 to the confluence of the Bypass Trail.</p>			
Purpose of Notice			
<p>The Midpeninsula Open Space District intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Alpine Road Trail Improvements Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended. This notice initiates the 30-day public review period and advises the public of the availability of the Draft Initial Study (IS)/MND for review.</p>			
Public Review Period:		Begins: October 28, 2020	Ends: November 30, 2020

Public Comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of this mitigated negative declaration are invited and must be received on or before the end of the public review period. Such comments should be based on specific environmental concerns. Written comments should be addressed to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA 94022 or by email at: bapple@openspace.org. For additional information regarding this Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact Bryan Apple at 650-691-1200.

Public Meeting or Hearing:	Date: 1/13/2021	Time: 7:00pm	Place: 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA 94022
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The public meeting will tentatively be held on January 13, 2021 and will likely be virtual due to COVID-19. Please refer to the District website <https://openspace.org/about-us/board-meetings> for instructions on viewing the meeting.

The Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be viewed at the following locations:

- (1) Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA 94022
- (2) Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Website: <https://www.openspace.org/about-us/notices>
- (3) California State Clearinghouse CEQAnet Web Portal: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

Responsible Agencies sent a copy of this document:

- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- San Mateo County

Significant effects on the environment (or lack thereof):

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration finds that the proposed project would result in less than significant environmental impacts with mitigation measures related to air quality (construction emissions), biological resources (special status species, sensitive natural communities, wetlands), cultural resources (previously undiscovered resources), geology and soils (paleontological resources), and noise (construction noise).

Mitigation Measures included in the project to reduce potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level:

With implementation of the mitigation measures included in the proposed project and identified in the air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and noise sections of the IS/MND, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse environmental impact.

A reporting or monitoring program must be adopted for measures to mitigate significant impacts at the time the Negative Declaration is approved, in accord with the requirements of section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code.

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Date

Approved by:


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October 21, 2020

Date