



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE OF NOTICE: February 26, 2021

# PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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The City of San Diego Development Services Department has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration Report for the following project and is inviting your comments regarding the adequacy of the document. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been placed on the City of San Diego web-site at <https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft> under the "California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notices & Documents" section. **Your comments must be received by March 29th, 2021**, to be included in the final document considered by the decision-making authorities. Please send your written comments to the following address: **Jeff Szymanski, Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Development Services Center, 1222 First Avenue, MS 501, San Diego, CA 92101** or e-mail your comments to [DSDEAS@sandiego.gov](mailto:DSDEAS@sandiego.gov) with the Project Name and Number in the subject line.

### General Project Information:

- Project Name: Ruffin Canyon Open Space Trail
- Project No. 658785
- Community Plan Area: Serra Mesa and Mission Valley
- Council District: 7

**Project Description:** The project is the adoption of the Ruffin Canyon Open Space Trails Plan which proposes the expansion of an existing trail system. The Plan would provide a cohesive trail plan for Ruffin Canyon Open Space and provide connection between the Serra Mesa and Mission Valley Communities. The Plan provides guidance for the present and future use and maintenance of the trails within the Plan Area. Trails in this plan are open to pedestrian and bicycle users. The proposed project would create a new alignment in the southern section of the canyon where individuals are currently using a sewer access path that does not serve as a safe and sustainable trail for public use. In addition, the report addresses the permitting of three existing trails within Ruffin Canyon. The project consists of approximately 2,658 feet of new trail within Ruffin Canyon, heading south from the intersection of the existing Ruffin Canyon and Shawn Canyon trails. In addition to the new trail construction, the study area includes permitting of the existing trail located in the upper section of Ruffin Canyon. **The site is not included on any Government Code listing of hazardous waste sites.**

**Applicant:** City of San Diego Parks and Recreation

**Recommended Finding:** The recommended finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment is based on an Initial Study and project revisions/conditions which now

mitigate potentially significant environmental impacts in the following area(s): **Historical Resources (Archaeology) and Biological Resources.**

**Availability in Alternative Format:** To request this Notice, the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and/or supporting documents in alternative format, call the Development Services Department at 619-446-5460 or (800) 735-2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

**Additional Information:** For environmental review information, contact Jeff Szymanski at (619) 446-5324. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting documents may be reviewed, or purchased for the cost of reproduction, at the Fifth floor of the Development Services Center. If you are interested in obtaining additional copies of either a Compact Disk (CD), a hard-copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, or the separately bound technical appendices, they can be purchased for an additional cost. **For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact Karen Bucey at (619) 446-5049.** This notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and distributed on February 26, 2021.

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