

City of Temecula

Community Development

Planning Division

Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration

PROJECT: PW11-10 Flood Control Channel Reconstruction and Repair

APPLICANT: City of Temecula (Nino Abad, P.E., Project Manager)

LOCATION: Friendship Park (Pala Community Park), 44900 Temecula Lane, City of Temecula, County of Riverside

DESCRIPTION: The erosion of the beds and banks are damaging and encroaching on the existing Friendship Park (Pala Community Park [Pala Park]). The City is proposing to let Temecula Creek meander naturally within the vicinity of Pala Park, however, the City is also proposing to protect Pala Park and the recreational fields from future erosion. The project consists of installing a sheet pile wall, approximately 427 feet in length, and an associated anchor system along the northern boundary of the existing soccer field in Pala Park. An impact pile driver will be used to install the sheet pile wall. The sheet pile wall will be driven to a maximum depth of 35-foot below ground surface (bgs). Wall anchors will be placed subsurface to hold the sheet pile wall in place in case Temecula Creek erodes all the way to the sheet pile wall. Any excess materials will be hauled off the site. The project does not propose to remove any trees as part of the project. The project will be constructed during non-nesting season to avoid any biological resource impacts. Staging of construction equipment will be outside of Temecula Creek and located within Pala Park.

The City of Temecula intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project described above. This notice is made pursuant to Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based upon the information contained in the Initial Environmental Study and pursuant to the requirements of CEQA; it has been determined that this project as proposed, revised or mitigated will not have a significant impact upon the environment. As a result, the City Council intends to adopt a MND for this project.

The mitigation measures required to reduce or mitigate the impacts of this project on the environment are included in the project design and/or the Mitigation Monitoring Program and will be included as part of the MND for this project.

As required by Section 15073 of CEQA, the public review and commenting period for this proposed MND is **April 28, 2021 to May 27, 2021**. Written comments and responses to this notice should be addressed to the contact person listed below at the following address: City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590. After the public comment period is over and comments have been addressed, the project and MND is up for approval through the City Council at a Council meeting. City staff would then file the Notice of Determination.

All are invited to comment on the proposed MND. Written comments must be received by the City by 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2021. Comments that are postmarked on or before this date will also be accepted. The document can be reviewed at the City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590; Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula, CA 92592; Temecula Chamber of Commerce, 26790 Ynez Court, Ste. A, Temecula, CA 92591; and the City of Temecula Website: <http://TemeculaCA.gov>.

The public notice of the intent to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration is provided through:

The Local Newspaper (San Diego Union-Tribune) Posting the Site Notice to Adjacent Property Owners

If you need additional information or have any questions concerning this project, please contact the Project Manager Nino Abad at (951) 308-6385 or Nino.Abad@TemeculaCA.gov



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