

Date: May 18, 2021

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties and Organizations

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Noble Park Project

The Paradise Recreation and Parks District intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines.

Project Title: **Noble Park Project**

Lead Agency: Paradise Recreation and Parks District
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Paradise, CA 95969

Project Location: The investigated property consists of approximately 20.5 acres in at the corner of Pentz Road and Merrill Road in northeast Paradise, Butte County, California. The site is situated on Assessor's Parcel Number (APNs) 050-230-060, 050-230-082 and 050-230-088. The site is located within the city limits of Paradise Section 7 of Township 22N, Range 4E and latitude/longitude: 39.781087°, -121.579027°. The site is currently undeveloped.

Project Description: The proposed project includes the new construction of a public park in Paradise, California which would involve the construction of an adventure play and inclusive play area, a parking lot, a multi-purpose community center, and an obstacle course. It would also include the construction of a shade structure, an elevated wood platform near the wet meadow, a multi-purpose event plaza, a foot bridge over the creek, and an adventure play area, which would consist of a zip line, a climbing boulder and a ropes course. The proposed park project also would include the construction of an overlook with a shade structure, a picnic/outdoor classroom structure, a multi-use court, a multi-use grass play area, and a picnic area. The trails that would be part of the construction of the proposed project include two trails made with crushed basalt and an accessible concrete loop trail. There would also be a concrete sidewalk constructed that would include road improvement funding. There is an existing wet meadow and creek on site, and there would be a landscape restoration area implemented as part of the project, as well as a nature corridor and buffer that would involve the construction of a small water feature. The project would also include putting a symbolic Noble Orchard on the land.

Environmental Review Process: The Paradise Recreation and Parks District has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) on the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The IS/MND describes the proposed Noble Parks Project and provides an assessment of the project's potential impacts on the environment. The IS/MND concludes that any potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project can be avoided, eliminated, or reduced to a level that is less than significant by the adoption and implementation of specified mitigation measures.

Public Review Period: The IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days starting May 20, 2021. Written comments should be submitted and received at the following address no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2021:

Paradise Recreation and Parks District
Attn: Dan Efseaff, District Manager
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A copy of the draft IS/MND may be reviewed at the following locations:

- Butte County Library, Paradise Branch
5922 Clark Rd
Paradise, CA 95969

Paradise Recreation and Park District Website: <https://www.paradisepd.com/>