

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

TO: County of Riverside
County Clerk-Recorder
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Lead Agency: City of Murrieta
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The City of Murrieta (City) is the Lead Agency preparing an Initial Study for the project described below. The Initial Study makes the proposed findings that, with implementation of the mitigation measures provided, the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. We need to know the comments and concerns of interested and responsible agencies and the public regarding the content of the Initial Study. Please send any comments to Ms. Juliet Mukasa at the City of Murrieta at the address listed above. We will need the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person if comments are submitted.

Project Title: Rancho Spring Medical Center Expansion

State Clearinghouse Number: Not Yet Assigned


Project Location: The Project site is located at the northeast corner of Hancock Avenue and Medical Center Drive, in the City of Murrieta (City), Riverside County, California. The address of the Project 25500 Medical Center Drive (APN) 912-010-030 and 912-010-032.

Project Description: The Project proposes a Development Plan (DP-2020-2199) and Revised Permit (RP-2020-2200) to construct a two-story, approximately 36,000-square-foot hospital expansion that would connect to the south side of the existing Women's Center and Emergency Department building within the Rancho Springs Medical Center (RSMC) campus. The expansion building would include 14 new beds within a pediatrics department and intensive care center (ICU) on the ground floor. The expansion building would also include 10 new beds, as well as a Neo-Natal ICU department with 16 beds, on the second floor. The project would also construct a new helipad platform in the east parking lot closer to the ambulance entry. The project would also make other site improvements on the existing RSMC campus. The project site is not located on any list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Approval of the proposed Project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Mitigated Negative Declaration is the proposed CEQA environmental determination for this Project. The City of Murrieta, acting as the CEQA lead agency for this Project, will consider adoption of this Mitigated Negative Declaration at a future scheduled public meeting. Any commenters will be notified of the meeting date and location where adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered by the City.

Copies of the Initial Study and/or project technical studies are available for public review at the City office at the address identified at the top of this Notice. The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study begins on June 21, 2021-July 21, 2021. Any comments you have must be submitted in writing no later than the close of the comment period.

Date 6/15/2021



Ms. Juliet Mukasa
City of Murrieta, Planning Department