

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MATEO STREET PARK PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Mateo Street Park Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Location: The project site is located at 16037 and 16081 Mateo Street in Ashland, an unincorporated area in Alameda County between San Leandro to the northwest and Hayward to the southeast. The project site includes three vacant parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers [APNs] 80-57-30, 80-57-36, and 80-57-37-3), totaling 1.4 acres. Regional access to the site is via Interstate 580 (I-580) and East 14th Street.

Proposed Project: The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) proposes to develop a new neighborhood park in the Ashland community in unincorporated Alameda County. The proposed Mateo Street Park Project (project) would provide recreation and gathering space for this densely populated community. Proposed improvements include: picnic areas, walkway, open turf area, children's play areas, demonstration gardens, outdoor workspaces, terraced seating, landscaping, lighting, shade structures, fitness area, gathering area, and associated utilities. The project site is currently developed and consists of several single-family residences constructed between 1930 and 1960, a small office structure, a small storage shed, a car port, two storage containers, and an automotive repair shop with a roll-up garage door. Prior to park development, treatment of lead and PCB-impacted soils would be required either through full removal or partial removal and capping of the remaining soil.

Findings: The Initial Study prepared by HARD was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, HARD staff has concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Public Review: The IS/MND is available for review online at:

https://www.haywardrec.org/DocumentCenter/View/7542/MateoSt_ISMND?bidId=

Written comments will be accepted from **June 25, 2021 to July 26, 2021**. Comments from all Responsible Agencies and interested parties are requested. Any person wishing to comment on the Draft IS/MND must email or mail written comments to the following:

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