

PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CUSD SOUTH FIELDS PROJECT

Proposed Project

The Cloverdale Unified School District (CUSD) proposes to develop the CUSD South Fields Project, which would construct athletic fields to be used for school athletic programs and available for community use outside of school programming hours. The proposed project would construct athletic fields on approximately 9 acres of a vacant 31-acre property at the south end of the City of Cloverdale. The project site is identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 117-040-055, located west of South Cloverdale Boulevard between two unpaved roads that are both signed as Kelly Road.

The project would construct a joint-purpose baseball/soccer field and a joint-purpose softball/soccer field in the northeastern portion of the property, a dog park in the northwestern portion of the property, and a parking lot, concession stand, and restrooms in the southeastern portion of the property. The western portion of the project site, which supports a hill covered with an oak woodland community, would remain undeveloped.

There are several natural drainages that cross the project site. The baseball/soccer and softball/soccer fields would span portions of the onsite drainages, requiring installation of stormwater pipes within the drainages to convey drainage east and southeast under the fields. The stormwater pipes would outfall into the natural drainage course near the eastern boundary of the site.

The CUSD South Fields project would support use by existing CUSD athletic programs, including team practices and games. It is expected that the fields would be used for hosting two games per week during 8 months of each calendar year. Game attendance varies but generally includes 22 players per team and 12 to 30 spectators. Practices would occur three days per week during 8 months of each calendar year, with 22 students and up to 5 coaches per practice.

Public use of the fields may include practices for local soccer and baseball leagues three days per week on average with up to 22 team members, 3 coaches, and 20 spectators in attendance each day. Games would include 22 players per team and 12 to 30 spectators.

Determination

An Initial Study for the proposed CUSD South Fields project was prepared in accordance with CEQA (Section 21000 et seq., California Public Resources Code) and the CEQA Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq. Title 14, California Code of Regulations). The analysis in the Initial Study determined that the project would result in potential adverse impacts associated with the following resource categories: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire. The Initial Study identifies mitigation measures for each of these potential impacts.

As determined in the Initial Study, CUSD finds that, with implementation of the identified mitigation measures, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, CUSD has prepared this Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the CUSD South Fields Project for adoption following public review of the Initial Study and supporting documentation.