



## Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the San Juan Capistrano Skatepark and Trail Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of San Juan Capistrano (“City”) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (“Draft EIR”) (SCH No: 2021110267) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) for the San Juan Capistrano Skatepark and Trail Project (“Project”). The City is the lead agency for the Project. The purpose of this notice is to inform local residents, institutions, agencies, and other interested parties about the availability of the Draft EIR during the public comment period.

**Notice of Availability and Public Review Period:** The Draft EIR for the Project is available for public review. The public review period is at least 45 days as required by CEQA, **commencing on August 17, 2023 and ending on October 2, 2023**. During this public review period, the Draft EIR and its appendices will be available for public review at the following locations:

<b>City of San Juan Capistrano</b> Development Services Department 30448 Rancho Viejo Rd. #110 San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675	<b>San Juan Capistrano Public Library</b> San Juan Capistrano Regional Library 31495 El Camino Real San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
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The documents can also be accessed electronically at the City’s website, at the following address:

<http://sanjuancapistrano.org/Departments/Development-Services/Planning-Zoning/Environmental-Documents>

**All comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted to the City in writing by 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2023.** Comments must be submitted to Ashley Melchor, Senior Management Analyst, by mail or e-mail during the public review period at the following address:

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**Lead Agency:** The City of San Juan Capistrano is the lead agency for the Project under CEQA.

**Project Description and Location:** The proposed Project is located at 26095-26119 Camino Del Avion on an approximately 1.75-acre Project site that is part of the larger City-owned property known as the Kinoshita Farm property, currently operated as a working farm by the non-profit The Ecology Center. The Project involves the development of a 42,575 square-foot recreational space that would consist of a 20,000 square-foot skatepark, a playground, restroom building, raised berm seating, shade structures, landscaping, and other improvements. In addition to the active recreation area, the Project would include a new multi-use public trail along the western edge of the property and along Via Positiva that would connect the new residential development known as “The Farm,” to the proposed

skatepark and Camino Del Avion. The multi-use trail would be 20 feet wide and covered with decomposed granite material.

The Project would also include an amendment to the Kinoshita Farm Specific Plan to allow the public skatepark and trail as permitted uses, as well as a change in zoning of the 28-acre Kinoshita Farm property from the current dual zoning of Agri-Business/ Specific Plan to Specific Plan. The Project location is outlined on the following map:



**Environmental Impacts Anticipated:** The Draft EIR analyzes environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed Project; identifies and discusses project alternatives; and imposes mitigation measures for identified potentially significant impacts in order to minimize, offset, or otherwise avoid those environmental impacts.

The Draft EIR identifies potential significant effects generated by the proposed Project in relation to the following environmental resources: Agricultural Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Noise, Paleontological Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources. The Draft EIR identifies the proposed conversion of 1.75 acres of Prime Farmland to non-agricultural use as a significant and unavoidable impact (project and cumulative) because proposed mitigation would not reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level. With the exception of agricultural resources, proposed mitigation measures would reduce the proposed Project's potentially significant, adverse effects to all environmental resources to a level of less than significant.

The Project site is not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and there are no current Recognized Environmental Conditions associated with the Project site.

For additional information, please contact Ashley Melchor, Senior Management Analyst, by phone at (949) 443-6380 or by email at [amelchor@sanjuancapistrano.org](mailto:amelchor@sanjuancapistrano.org)