

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION REPORT  
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
FOR THE  
FISHER CREEK DETENTION BASIN EXPANSION PROJECT**

The proposed Fisher Creek Detention Basin Expansion Project would excavate approximately 10 feet of material out of the existing basin to increase the depth from 13.7 feet to 23.7 feet, and introduce more storage capacity. The project would excavate approximately 50,000 cubic yards (CY) of soil over the course of five weeks. This material would be excavated from the toe of the slopes, an area of roughly 2.77 acres, rendering the basin bottom 10 feet lower than the existing elevation. The proposed project would result in the removal of 56 trees on site, including 37 red willows and 19 Fremont cottonwoods. Materials from the excavation would be disposed at the Kirby Canyon Landfill or, if determined appropriate to serve as construction fill, sent to a development site in the City in need of surplus soil, which would reduce the length of trips needed to deposit and dispose of the dirt this summer.

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Report (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Morgan Hill as Lead Agency to evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Fisher Creek Detention Basin Expansion Project will not have significant environmental effects with regard to any environmental impact areas with mitigation incorporated.

A copy of the IS/MND is available for review on the City of Morgan Hill's website at <https://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/1816/Citywide-Projects> , and at the following locations:

City of Morgan Hill Morgan Hill Public Library  
Community Development Department  
660 West Main Avenue  
17575 Peak Avenue  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

The 30-day public review period for this ISMND begins on November 22, 2021 and ends on December 23, 2021. Written comments must be received at the City of Morgan Hill Community Development Department office by 5:00 p.m. on December 23, 2021. Persons having comments concerning the environmental review of this project are invited to furnish their comments in writing to the City of Morgan Hill Community Development Department at the address shown below.

Following the close of the public review period, the City of Morgan Hill will prepare a Final MND that will include responses to comments received during the review period. Ten days prior to the City Council public hearing to consider certification of the MND, the City's responses to comments received during the public review period will be available for review and will be mailed to those who have commented in writing on the IS/MND during the public review period.

This notice is hereby given that the city council of the City of Morgan Hill will conduct a public hearing on the following proposal as stated below. The city council hearing will be held via video conference and is open to the public. All interested persons may participate and be heard by joining the video conference at <https://bit.ly/mhcitycouncilmeeting> or by calling into the meeting at (669) 900-9128 and entering in the webinar ID 862 0324 6251.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE: Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Video Conference**

**Weblink:** <https://bit.ly/MHCityCouncilMeeting>

**Phone: (669) 900-9128 Webinar ID: 862 0324 6251**

A City Council hearing to consider the proposed project is tentatively scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Morgan Hill Council Chambers or on zoom at the following link <https://bit.ly/mhcitycouncilmeeting>. Prior to the hearing dates, please confirm that the meeting dates have been finalized by calling the telephone number listed below.

**COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO:**

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