

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform any responsible agencies, interested parties, and organizations that the City of Redlands (City) has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the **Oakmont Park Tributary Rehabilitation Project**.

Project Location: The Project Area is located within the boundaries of the City of Redlands. Oakmont Creek is bounded by Tract 15469 and Sutherland Drive to the north and the Oak Ridge Trail parking lot to the west. Oakmont Creek starts at the outlet structures and continues south for approximately 3,320 feet before reaching the confluence point with Live Oak Canyon Creek.

Project Description: The City of Redlands proposes drainage and erosion control improvements to two Oakmont Stream tributaries and a 600-foot-long segment of the main Oakmont Stream. The tributaries are comprised of a 375-foot-long east segment and a 160-foot-long west segment. North of Oakmont Park, Oakmont Estate Tract No. 15469 was constructed in 2006. At the time, the Project constructed two outlet structures under Sutherland Drive to drain runoff from the residential tract into Oakmont Creek. The improvements included grade control structures consisting of pole check dams set at specific intervals (approximately every 120 feet) to protect the stream bed and mitigate erosion. Previous improvements to the Oakmont Stream began to fail and the stream experienced geomorphic changes that include bank migration and scouring. Of particular concern is the incision of the west bank, lateral erosion of bank slopes, and failure of existing check dams. The rate of erosion threatened to compromise the trail system and wash away several oak trees along the stream in Oakmont Park.

The Proposed Project would close the gap between the creek bed and Live Oak Canyon Road, protect the existing trail system and recreational areas of Oakmont Park, improve bank stability, and protect native vegetation. Improvements include the construction of new check dams, rip rap aprons, gabion block walls, and culverts with headwalls.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: No potentially significant impacts to resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The Project Area is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review Period: In compliance with CEQA, the City has established a 30-day public review period beginning December 10, 2021 to solicit comments and input on the Draft IS/MND. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND should be submitted no later than January 10, 2021 to:

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Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the following locations:

City of Redlands
City Clerk's Office
35 Cajon Street, Suite 4
Redlands, CA 92373

City of Redlands
Planning Division public counter
35 Cajon Street, Suite 20
Redlands, CA 92373

A.K. Smiley Public Library
125 W Vine Street
Redlands, CA 92373

The Draft IS/MND is also available online at: <https://www.cityofredlands.org/post/environmental-documents>.