

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CASINO BASIN PROJECT

Notice is hereby given, that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Porterville on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 291 N. Main Street, Porterville, California, and/or virtually utilizing the Zoom platform in order to consider the proposed Casino Basin Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Participation using Zoom is available and details can be found on the City's website. The matter will also be live streamed on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5KuhSrNMNL9nwHJVtnJvvA>.

The proposed project would include construction and operation of a new stormwater recharge basin to support the Eagle Mountain Casino. The basin would have a depth of roughly 13 feet from original grade to the base (toe) of the slope, and the high water line is designed to be 5 feet above the basin floor. Once constructed, the basin would have capacity of approximately 200.22 acre-feet. The basin would be surrounded by a 6-inch chain-link fence. In addition, the proposed project would include cast-in-place storm drain outlets, storm drain manholes, and an underground 72-inch storm drain pipe underneath to Road 216, Avenue 130, and West Street. Installation of the storm drain pipe would require repaving and restriping of the centerline on Road 216 and West Street. The proposed project would also relocate an existing recirculation pond from its existing location west of the project site to north of the project site. The project site is currently owned by the City, and would continue to be owned by the City with implementation of the project.

Once operational, the proposed project would bring in stormwater runoff from the airport area and casino development area. The proposed project would be utilized to recharge any available surface waters that the City is able to acquire. City staff would visit the project site on a weekly basis to ensure site security and would conduct monthly maintenance to maintain weed abatement and cleaning of the infrastructure.

On the basis of the Initial Study, the environmental coordinator has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for review on the City's website (<http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/>) and at City Hall, Community Development Department, 291 N. Main Street, and are available for inspection by any and all persons interested therein. This notice is given in order to provide all parties an opportunity to be heard and to present their views regarding this application. The review period will run from January 22, 2022 to February 20, 2022. Please send your comments to Jason Ridenour, Community Development Director, 291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257 or by email at planning@ci.porterville.ca.us. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Ridenour by telephone at (559) 782-7460 or at the email address listed above.

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DATED: January 19, 2022

John D. Lollis, City Clerk