

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE CITY OF MENIFEE EVANS PARK PROJECT (17-01)

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Menifee is circulating this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for public comment.

Project/Location: The Evans Park Project is located at the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection of Craig Avenue and Evans Road in the City of Menifee, County of Riverside, California (Assessor Parcel Numbers: 360-170-002, 360-170-003, 360-170-004, 360-170-005, 360 170-006, 360-190-001, 360-190,002).

Project Description: The Evans Park Project involves the construction of a new community park in the City of Menifee and would be located east of Evans Road and north and south of Craig Avenue. Implementation of the Project would contribute to meeting the 5 acres per 1,000 resident standard. A City-wide park planning process resulted in the adoption and implementation of the City's Park, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan. The Parks Master Plan included Evans Park, as a conceptual 20-acre site that is intended for use by residents of the City of Menifee.

The first phase, which would encompass the southern six acres of the 9.17-acre site, is currently funded and designed. This phase would include the construction of a bicycle trails park and parking lot and is anticipated to open in late spring/early summer 2022. The second phase, which would encompass the northern 13.56 acres of the site is in the conceptual phase. It is the intent to develop the second phase with a multi-use ball field, splash pad, picnic areas, and trails. Construction on the second phase is anticipated to commence in 2025. Once complete, Evans Park would occupy 22.73 acres and provide approximately 20 acres of recreational and open space facilities.

Document Availability: The IS/MND will be available for review at the following locations beginning on Tuesday, January 25, 2022:

- City of Menifee City Hall, 29844 Haun Road, Menifee, CA, 92586
- Sun City Library, 26982 Cherry Hills Boulevard, Menifee, CA, 92586
- Menifee Library, 28798 La Piedra Road, Menifee, CA 92584
- City of Menifee website: <https://www.cityofmenifee.us/325/Environmental-Notices-Documents>

Please note that City Hall is temporarily operating virtually due to a rise in COVID-19 cases. It is expected that City Hall will reopen on Monday, January 31, 2022. Updates can be found online at <https://www.cityofmenifee.us>.

Public Review Period: The 30-day public review period for the IS/MND is from January 27, 2022 to February 26, 2022.

Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on the City's intent to adopt the MND must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2022. Written comments may be sent to: Bryce Howell, Park/Landscape & Facility Maintenance Manager, 29995 Evans Rd, Menifee, CA, 92586. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to bhowell@cityofmenifee.us.

Project Impacts: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment after implementing mitigation measures, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval. Additionally, the project site is not known to contain significant hazardous waste contamination under Section 65692.5 of the Government Code.

Public Hearing: The date, time, and place of future public hearings will be legally noticed per City and CEQA requirements.

Project Site Map:

