

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**



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From: City of Baldwin Park  
14403 E. Pacific Avenue  
Baldwin Park, California  
91706

Date: October 11, 2022

TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to Section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Baldwin Park hereby gives notice that a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS MND) for the Barnes Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project is available for review and comment.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Barnes Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located 3251 Patritti Avenue in Baldwin Park, California 91706 (APN: 8550-001-904 and APN: 8550-001-906).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project will expand the park and improve recreational opportunities onsite. The whole park, excluding the existing building, splash pad, exercise equipment area, and part of the parking lot, will be demolished and reconstructed. The Project will include a stormwater capture system with Best Management Practices (BMPs) to capture, treat, and infiltrate runoff from a 443-acre catchment. Improvements will also be made near the intersections of Auckland Street and Barnes Avenue, and Syracuse Avenue and Finchley Street to address perceived surface flooding/ponding. Improvements will include modified grading and new catch basins that tie into the City's storm drain system. The Project will achieve a pollutant load reduction to downstream water bodies by capturing wet- and dry-weather runoff. Captured runoff will be discharged into a subsurface storage system that will facilitate infiltration and groundwater recharge. Project goals are summarized as follows:

- Enhance water quality locally and in downstream water bodies (San Gabriel River)
- Reduce local dependency on imported water through groundwater recharge
- Educate local communities through education and outreach
- Reduce localized flooding in the Project drainage area
- Expand the park to provide increased green space available and public amenities
- Improve the park to include accessible features and new amenities
- Provide community enhancements through surface restoration and improvements

Surface improvements to the existing park include increasing the size of Barnes Park with development planned for two vacant parcels north of the existing park boundary. The existing park will be almost fully demolished, except for the existing building, splash pad area, exercise equipment area, and a portion of the parking lot, and replaced with new and enhanced features. Park improvements will include the following:

- Additional parking through an expanded parking lot and new street-side diagonal parking along Patritti Avenue south of the existing parking lot
- Modified and new trails around the park
- Two new basketball courts north of the existing building (replacing the one basketball court that is existing under existing conditions)
- Grass/turf improvements and space for two soccer fields
- New futsal court in the expanded park area with seating for spectators
- Drought-tolerant landscaping, trees, and new irrigation system
- Surface swales with pedestrian bridges, especially on the north side of the park



- New dog park area on the south side of the existing park with fences and monument signs to create both a small dog area and an area for dogs of any size
- Play lots will be replaced with new equipment, new shade structures, and a larger playground that will feature big and small kid play areas, tables, and benches around the existing exercise equipment area
- New and improved shade shelters with tables, grills, and other amenities
- Space for movies and shows in the park (allow for equipment to be temporarily used)
- Water features near the recreational building
- Fencing/wall enhancements around the park and along the expanded perimeter
- Improved lighting throughout the park, including pathway and sports lighting

The Project proposes a 15-month construction timeframe from September 2023 to approximately December 2024.

**PROJECT IMPACTS:** The Initial Study/MND was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. The Initial Study/MND found that the environmental effects from the project would be less than significant with the incorporation of standard conditions and mitigation measures.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES:** The project site is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** Begins: October 11, 2022, Ends: November 10, 2022

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The City of Baldwin Park to hold a public hearing to consider the following case will be held at 7:00 p.m. by the City Council of the City of Baldwin Park on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. **The Council Chamber will be open to the public in accordance with health official's recommendations. Live audio of the hearing will be available via YouTube by clicking on the YouTube icon located on the upper right-hand corner of the City of Baldwin Park Webpage [www.BaldwinPark.com](http://www.BaldwinPark.com).**

*If you wish to comment on this agenda item, please email your name, City of residence, and a phone number where you will be available between the hours of 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on November 16, 2022 to [comments@baldwinpark.com](mailto:comments@baldwinpark.com). You will be contacted by a staff member and will be granted 3 (three) minutes to speak live during the meeting. To confirm the date and time of the meeting and for additional information concerning the proposed project, please check the City's website: <http://www.baldwinpark.com/>.*

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days. Any person may submit written comments to the Planning Division of the City's Development Services Department before the end of the review period. If you challenge the City's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the Community Development Department prior to the end of the review period. Comments may be sent by mail, or email to the following address:

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**LOCATION WHERE DOCUMENT CAN BE REVIEWED:** The Initial Study, Draft MND and supporting documents are available for review and comment on the City website at <https://www.baldwinpark.com/online-documents/community-development/planning/environmental-documents>, or <https://www.baldwinpark.com/public-notice/3111-barnes-park-multi-benefit-sotrmwater-capture-project-noi/file> and during normal business hours at City of Baldwin Park, Planning Division, 14403 E. Pacific Avenue, Baldwin Park, CA, 91706.

10/5/2022  
Date

Ron Garcia, Community Development Director