

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Oak Creek Community Park Expansion and Improvements



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Irvine is considering a recommendation that the project herein identified will have no significant environmental impact in compliance with Sections 21092, 21092.3, and 315070 of State of California, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the **PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and **INITIAL STUDY**, which support the proposed findings are on file at the City of Irvine.

**Project Title:** Oak Creek Community Park Expansion and Improvements

**Lead Agency:** City of Irvine, Community Services Department, 1 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 19575, Irvine, CA 92623-9575

**Applicant:** City of Irvine, Community Services Department, 1 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 19575, Irvine, CA 92623-9575

**Project Location:** 15616 Valley Oak Drive, Irvine, CA 92618

**Project Description:** The City of Irvine has embarked on a Capital Improvement Project to expand and improve an existing community park, Oak Creek Community Park. Proposed plans for the 12-acre park include accessibility, irrigation and lighting improvements, flex turf area and sports field reconfigurations with natural and/or synthetic turf, the addition of a dog park and fitness nodes, a new parking lot, circulation improvements throughout for pedestrians and vehicles, and various hardscape and landscape improvements. In addition, the proposed project would expand park use onto the adjacent, undeveloped 8-acre property that is owned by Southern California Edison (SCE). Specifically, the City would amend an existing license with SCE to add an unlighted, multiuse flex field and parking lot (with Administrative Relief for parking lot landscaping) on the SCE-owned property. Combined, the City-owned park site and SCE property comprise the 20-acre project site.

## Public Review Period:

**Begins: February 24, 2023      Ends: March 27, 2023**

**Info Available:** The **Draft Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration** are available for your review at the City's website at:  
<https://www.cityofirvine.org/parks-facilities/oak-creek-park-project>

**Environmental Impact:** Mitigation Measures have been included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects in the following areas:

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Tribal Cultural Resources

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

**Public Comments:** In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines for implementing CEQA, any written comments concerning the findings of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by the City of Irvine no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2023, in order to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the

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project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this 30-day public review period. Please send your comments to Kathleen Haton, Senior Planner, via mail to City of Irvine, Community Services Department, 1 Civic Center Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Irvine, CA 92606 or via email to [khaton@cityofirvine.org](mailto:khaton@cityofirvine.org).

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