

**NOTICE OF INTENT
to Adopt a
Mitigated Negative Declaration**

City of Santa Clarita
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Date: November 13, 2023
To: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Via Princessa Park Project

Pursuant to Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Santa Clarita (Lead Agency/City) is providing notice that it intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project identified below.

Project Title: Via Princessa Park
Application: Project No. P3033
Lead Agency: City of Santa Clarita
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Project Location: The proposed Project is located along Via Princessa (road) northeast of the intersection of Whites Canyon Road and Via Princessa. The Project site comprises an approximately 34-acre area of City-owned land consisting of 5 parcels (with assessor's parcel numbers 2836-002-907, 2836-002-922, 2864-003-923, 2864-003-920, and 2864-003-922) along the south bank of the Santa Clara River.

Applicant: City of Santa Clarita

Project Description: The Project proposes to construct and operate Via Princessa Park on an approximately 34-acre area of City-owned land, which would include athletic fields with sports field lighting, pickleball courts (also with lighting), playground equipment and other recreational facilities, such as walking paths, shade structures, picnic areas, public art, and education and monumentation signage. Additionally, the Project would provide parking, park access, and other amenities and improvements, including alterations to the existing Via Princessa Metrolink Station parking lot, potential maintenance-level improvements to the Metrolink Station platform and facilities, construction of a pedestrian and vehicle (restricted access) railroad undercrossing (including removal of the existing at-grade pedestrian crossing), installation of an additional culvert under the railroad, relocation of an existing storm drain line, construction of a new restroom building with associated utilities, improvements to the existing restroom/office building located in the parking area, landscaping and irrigation improvements, and restoration of the existing Honby drainage channel. Additionally, a fourth lane may be added to Weyerhauser Way and modifications may be made to Via Princessa road to accommodate a double-left turn lane into and/or out of Weyerhauser Way.

In addition to recreational improvements, the Project would include a regional stormwater infiltration facility. Other Project civil and geotechnical design features include, buried bank protection, a storm drain culvert extension, and channel restoration, as well as removal of an agricultural well.

The Project property is not located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Review Period: November 13, 2023 – December 13, 2023

Availability of Documents: During the public review period, a copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and all supporting documentation are available for review during normal business hours in the City Clerk's Office, located at the City of Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 120, Santa Clarita, California, 91355 and the Valencia Library, 23743 W. Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA. 91355. A copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be posted on the City's website during the public review period noted above, at:

- City of Santa Clarita website: <https://santaclarita.gov/planning/environmental-impact-reports-under-review/> For additional information, or to provide written comments, please contact Dan Duncan, Environmental Administrator, at (661) 255-4348 or via e-mail at dduncan@santa-clarita.com. It is requested that any written comments on the project be submitted to the Public Works Department prior to the end of the review period indicated above. If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else has raised in written correspondence and/or delivered to the Department of Public Works.