

#### Town of Danville

#### **Environmental Checklist Form**

1. **Project title:** Osage Park Pickleball Courts

2. **Lead agency name and address:** Town of Danville

500 La Gonda Way Danville, CA 94526

3. **Contact person and phone number:** Riley Anderson-Barrett, (925) 314-3314

4. **Project location:** Osage Station Park

816 Brookside Drive Danville, CA 94526

5. **Project sponsor's name and address:** Town of Danville

500 La Gonda Way Danville, CA 94526

6. **Zoning:** 7. **General Plan designation:** 

A-2; General Agricultural District Open Space; Parks and

Recreation

8. **Description of project:** The Town is proposing to add up to six pickleball courts at Osage Park where two pickle ball and three tennis courts already exist.

Surrounding land uses and setting: Single-family residences are located to the

9. south and west and additional park area to the north and east.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)

- San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
- Contra Costa County Central Sanitary District
- Contra Costa County Flood Control District

# ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

	Aesthetics		Agriculture / Forestry Resources		Air Quality		
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Energy		
	Geology / Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards and Hazardous Materials		
	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning		Mineral Resources		
•	/ Noise		Population / Housing		Public Services		
	Recreation	$\checkmark$	Transportation		Tribal Cultural Resources		
	Utilities / Service Systems		Wildfire		Mandatory Findings of Significance		
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	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed						
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standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

<del>RAB</del>		11/20/2023		
Signature		Date		
Riley Anderson-Barrett		Town of Da	nville	
Printed Name		For		
Issues:				
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<b>I. AESTHETICS:</b> Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				X
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				X
c) In nonurbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?			X	
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			X	
II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California				

Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				X
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				X
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?				X

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d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X
III. AIR QUALITY: Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			X	
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?			X	
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			Χ	
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			X	
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified			X	

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as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?			X	
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?			X	
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				X
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				Χ
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				X
V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would				

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the project:

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a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5?				X
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?			X	
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?			X	
VI. ENERGY: Would the project:				
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			X	
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			X	
VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:				
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				X
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?			X	

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<ul><li>iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?</li></ul>			X	
iv) Landslides?				X
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			X	
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			X	
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?			X	
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				X
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			X	
VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			X	
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of			X	

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reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				
IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			X	
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				X
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			X	
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				X
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency				X

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response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	•		•	•
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?				X
X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				X
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?				X
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
i) result in a substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;			Χ	
ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;			Χ	
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iv) impede or redirect flood flows?			X	
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche				

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zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?				X
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?				X
XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?				X
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X
XII. MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				X
XIII. NOISE: Would the project result in:				
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?		X		
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			X	

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c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			X	
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
XV. PUBLIC SERVICES				
a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
Fire protection?			X	
Police protection?			X	

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Schools?			X	
Parks?			X	
Other public facilities?			X	
XVI. RECREATION				
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			X	
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			X	
XVII. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC Would the project:				
a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?			X	
b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines § 15064.3, subdivision (b)?			X	
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?				X

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XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES:				
a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code § 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:				
i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or			X	
ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code § 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code § 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.			X	
XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project:				
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X

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b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?			X	
c) Result in a determination by the waste water treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				X
d) Generate solid waste in excess of state or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?			X	
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			X	
XX. WILDFIRE: If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:				
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				X
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water				X

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sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	-			
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				X
XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE				
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below selfsustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			X	
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)				X
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				X

#### **EXPLANATIONS:**

# **I. AESTHETICS:** Would the project:

- a) <u>Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?</u> **No Impact.** The subject project is not within a Town designated scenic hillside or major ridgeline and there are no scenic vistas on-site or surrounding the project area.
- b) <u>Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?</u> **No Impact.** The site is not within view of a state scenic highway.
- c) In nonurbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?? Less than Significant Impact. The project would allow the development of up to six new pickleball courts in an area of Osage Park which currently contains two pickleball courts and three tennis courts. The six additional courts will not degrade the visual character of the park or the surrounding neighborhood or conflict with zoning requirements. The proposed use is consistent with the existing use and surrounding residential properties. General Plan and zoning designation allow for recreational use.
- d) <u>Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?</u> **Less than Significant Impact.** The project may result in additional light sources typical of a recreational area with the impact on the surrounding neighborhoods being less than significant. More substantial lighting, such as sports filed lighting, is not allowed at Osage park. A standard condition of approval for such a development would require exterior lighting to be shielded downward to avoid glare.

# II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

- a) <u>Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance</u> (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural <u>use?</u> **No Impact.** The parcel is not classified as prime, unique, or farmland of statewide importance.
- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? No Impact. The proposed project is consistent with the zoning for the site. The site has a land use of Open Space, Parks and Recreation and a zoning designation of General Agricultural District. It is not being used for agricultural uses and is not under a Williamson Act contract.

- c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))? No Impact. The proposed project is consistent with the zoning for the site and will not result in the rezoning of forest land.
- d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? No **Impact.** The proposed project will not result in the loss or conversion of forest land.
- e) <u>Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?</u> **No Impact.** The site is zoned for agricultural use and currently contains a park with recreational fields and courts. The proposed development would not result in the conversion of any farmland to a non-agricultural use.

# **III. AIR QUALITY:** Would the project:

- a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan and Zoning designation for the site. The proposed project would not increase regional population growth or cause changes in vehicular traffic that would affect the implementation of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District 2017 Clean Air Plan.
- b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard? Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan and Zoning designation for the site, and recreational uses are anticipated.
- c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed project is located within a park, where sensitive receptors may be located. Pollutant levels would temporarily be increased due to equipment associated with the construction. The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan and Zoning designation for the site, and recreational use is anticipated.
- d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people? Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed development is the expansion of an existing recreational area. This type of development will not result in the creation of objectionable odors which are not typical for the area.

# IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? Less than Significant Impact. The property consists of an existing park. No trees are proposed for removal. The project is not projected to impact special-status species.
- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? Less than Significant Impacts. No riparian or other sensitive communities have been identified on-site. The project would develop pickleball courts within an existing park.
- (c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? Less than Significant Impacts. The project would develop pickleball courts within an existing park. There are no protected wetlands located on the property. All stormwater/surface runoff should be directed into the Town's storm drain system.
- d) <u>Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? **No Impact.** The project would develop pickleball courts within an existing park. All stormwater/surface runoff should be directed into the Town's storm drain system.</u>
- e) <u>Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?</u> **No Impacts.** No trees are proposed for removal as part of construction of the project. The project would develop pickleball courts within an existing park.
- f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? No Impact. There is no Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan associated with this property.

# V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

- a) <u>Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5?</u> **No Impact.** The site and existing structures on site do not meet criteria as a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5.
- b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource Less than Significant Impact. There has been no pursuant to § 15064.5? identification of the existence, or probable likelihood, of an archaeological resource on this site. Standard Conditions of Approval require that, in the event that subsurface archeological remains are discovered during any construction or pre-construction activities on the site, all land alteration work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted, the Town Planning Division notified, and a professional archeologist, certified by the Society of California Archeology and/or the Society of Professional Archeology, shall be notified. Site work in this area shall not occur until the archeologist has had an opportunity to evaluate the significance of the find and to outline appropriate mitigation measures if they are deemed necessary. If prehistoric archaeological deposits are discovered during development of the site, local Native American organizations shall be consulted and involved in making resource management decisions.
- c) <u>Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?</u>
  Less than Significant Impact. In the event that human remains are discovered during grading or site development, all work shall be halted in the vicinity of the find, the applicant shall notify the county coroner and comply with all state law requirements, including Health and Safety Code section 7050.5 and Public Resources Code section 5097.98, to ensure proper disposition of the human remains or suspected human remains, including those identified to be Native American remains.

## **VI. ENERGY:** Would the project:

a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation? Less than Significant Impact. Project construction would result in short-term consumption of energy from the use of construction equipment and processes. Energy use would be primarily from fuel consumption to operate heavy duty equipment, light-duty vehicles, machinery, and generators. Temporary grid power may also be provided to construction trailers or electric construction equipment. Project construction would be required to comply with the California Green Building Standards Code (CalGreen). CalGreen includes specific requirements related to recycling, construction materials, and energy efficiency standards that apply to construction to minimize wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary energy consumption. Project construction would not involve wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. Project operation would result in consumption of fuels from vehicle trips, landscaping equipment, and electricity to

- power court lights. Project energy consumed would represent a negligible change compared to existing conditions and would be less than significant.
- b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency? Less Than Significant Impacts. Energy use during project construction would be primarily in the form of fuel consumption to operate heavy equipment, light-duty vehicles, machinery, and generators. Temporary grid power may also be provided to construction trailers or electric construction equipment. Energy use during construction would be temporary and construction equipment used would be typical of other construction projects in the region. Project construction would not result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources and any impacts would be less than significant.

### VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:

- a) <u>Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:</u>
  - i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. No Impact. The site is not located within a State of California Earthquake Fault Zone.
  - ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? Less than Significant Impact. The site is not located near active faults. Given the project's requirement to comply with California Building Code related to seismic activity, this impact is considered less than significant requirement to comply with California Building Code related to seismic activity, this impact is considered less than significant.
  - iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? Less than Significant Impact. The project site is not located within a State of California Liquefaction Zone. The project would not substantially alter existing hazards related to seismic events. Therefore, the impact would be less than significant. Given the project's requirement to comply with California Building Code related to seismic activity, this impact is considered less than significant.
  - iv) <u>Landslides?</u> **No Impact.** No evidence of landslide characteristics have been observed on the site or in the area in the past.
- b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? Less than Significant Impact. There is potential for some soil erosion caused by both wind and water during the construction phase of the project. Compliance with standard Town practices regarding erosion prevention makes this impact less than significant.

- c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? Less than Significant Impact. The site is nearly flat and not located within or near a State of California Liquefaction Zone or Earthquake Fault Zone.
- d) <u>Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?</u> **Less than Significant Impact.** There will be no risk of collapse of unstable structures because the project is primarily hardscaping and does not propose habitable structures.
- e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? No Impact. There is no impact because the project would not include the use or installation of a septic tank or alternative wastewater disposal system.
- f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? Less Than Significant Impact. There are no anticipated paleontological resources or unique geologic features on the property. In the event that an unanticipated fossil discovery is made during the course of project construction, it is the responsibility of any worker who observes fossils within the project site to stop work within 100 feet of the find and notify a qualified professional paleontologist who shall be retained to evaluate the discovery, determine its significance and if additional mitigation or treatment is warranted. Work in the area of the discovery will resume once the find is properly documented and authorization is given by the Town to resume construction work. Any significant paleontological resources found during construction monitoring shall be prepared, identified, analyzed, and permanently curated in an approved regional museum repository. The paleontologist shall submit a report to the Town to document compliance within 30 days of its completion.

# VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project:

- a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project would allow the construction of up to six new pickleball courts within an existing park located in a residential neighborhood. The new courts may cause an increase in visitation which will not substantially increase greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, greenhouse gas levels would temporarily be increased due to equipment associated with the construction. The project would use existing roads, making it consistent with the Town of Danville's 2030 General Plan Policy 34.02.
- b) <u>Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?</u> Less than Significant Impact. The

project would not conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gases.

# IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the project:

- a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project is within a park within a residential area. The proposed project involves the construction of up to six new pickleball courts within a park where pickleball and tennis courts already exist. Hazardous materials which are not consistent with typical recreational and residential areas are not expected to be associated with this development. Project construction may temporarily increase the transport, use, and disposal of hazardous materials, including diesel fuel, oil, solvents, and other similar construction-related hazardous materials which will be subject to all applicable state and federal laws, such as the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, Resource Conservation Act, California Hazardous Materials Management Act, and the California Code of Regulations, Title 22.
- b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? No Impact. The proposed project is within a park within a residential area. The proposed project involves the construction of up to six new pickleball courts within a park where pickleball and tennis courts already exist. Hazardous materials which are not consistent with typical recreational and residential areas are not expected to be associated with this development. Ongoing and proposed uses at the park would not involve the routine transport, use, storage, or disposal of hazardous materials.
- c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project is located within a park in a residential neighborhood. Hazardous materials which are not consistent with typical recreational and residential areas are not expected to be associated with this development. The proposed project is located directly west of Charlotte Wood Middle School. No evidence of existing underground storage tanks was observed.
- d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? **No Impact.** This site is not known to be included on any list of hazardous materials sites.
- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

  No Impact. The subject site is not within an airport zone or part of any airport plan.

- f) <u>Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?</u> **No Impact.** There is not a specific emergency response plan for this area. The project will meet all requirements of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.
- g) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? No Impact. The proposed project is located within a park within a residential area. The project will meet all requirements of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District including fire abatement measures.

# X. **HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY:** Would the project:

- A Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? No Impact. Compliance with the Town's stormwater run-off requirements will ensure no water quality standards are violated. The integrated management practices (IMPs) proposed for the treatment areas will be consistent with the recommendations of the Contra Costa Clean Water Program. The proposed project will conform to the Town's Stormwater Management and Discharge Control Ordinance (Ord. No. 2004-06) and all applicable construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the site. A project Operations Maintenance Plan and Agreement will also be developed and recorded for this site.
- b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin? No Impact. The project would be served by the East Bay Municipal Utility District for water and no new wells would be created. The project would introduce new impervious surfaces for a new pickleball court. This would impede groundwater recharge within the footprint of impervious surfaces. Considering the lack of water use by the project, the project's small footprint, and that surrounding pervious areas would allow water to infiltrate into the soil, the project would not substantially interfere with groundwater recharge, and these impacts would be less than significant.
- c) <u>Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:</u>
  - i) Result in a substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project will introduce new impervious surfaces that will not substantially increase erosion or siltation.
  - ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which

- would result in flooding on- or offsite; Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project will introduce new impervious surfaces that will not substantially increase surface runoff and flooding.
- iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project will introduce new impervious surfaces that will not substantially increase surface runoff and flooding. The additional run-off will not exceed the capacity of stormwater drainage facilities. The project will be required to comply with all stormwater quality requirements.
- iv) <u>Impede or redirect flood flows?</u> Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project will introduce new impervious surfaces that will not substantially alter flood flows. The additional run-off will not exceed the capacity of stormwater drainage facilities. The project will be required to comply with all stormwater quality requirements.
- d) <u>In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?</u> **No Impact.** The site is not near any large body of water, so the risk of damage due to a seiche, tsunami or mudslide is very low.
- e) <u>Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?</u> **No Impact.** No structures will be built within the 100-year flood plain, as shown on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. There are no dams or levees in the vicinity of the site.

# XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project?

- a) <u>Physically divide an established community?</u> **No Impact.** The proposed project is located within an existing park in a residential neighborhood, consistent with existing surrounding developments.
- b) <u>Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?</u> **No Impact.** The proposed project is located within an existing park in a residential neighborhood, consistent with existing surrounding developments. The proposed project complies with existing general plan zoning and ordinances.

## XII. MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? **No Impact.** There are no known mineral

resources on this site.

b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? No Impact. There are no known mineral resources on the site.

# **XIII. NOISE:** Would the project result in:

a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated. The proposed project includes the construction of up to six new pickleball courts within an existing park within a residential development. The park currently hosts two pickleball courts and three tennis courts. Noise levels would temporarily be increased due to noise associated with the construction of the courts. The noise impact will be less than significant given required standard conditions of approval which define and limit hours of construction.

In addition, concerns have been raised regarding potential noise impacts generated by the impact of the pickleball against the face of the pickleball. In order to study this potential impact, a noise study was prepared by Rincon Consultants, Inc. The study's modeling concluded that using the sound meter set to slow and using "A" weighting, the noise levels would be below the threshold of 60 <sub>dn</sub> found in the Town of Danville General Plan Policy 27.09.

In order to address concerns that the nature of the noise generated by pickleball is of a different character due to its "impulsive" nature, the study additionally modeled the noise generated by taking measurements with the sound meter set to "fast", including a 5 dB adjustment for impulsive noise and utilizing residential thresholds found in the *Model Community Noise Control Ordinance* (State of California 1977). Using those criteria, if unmitigated, project operational noise levels are anticipated to exceed several of the exterior noise thresholds at residences to the south and west.

To mitigate potential noise impacts, the Town will affix sound blankets of a minimum 12-foot height to the chain-link fences enclosing the courts along the project southern, western, and eastern court boundaries. The sound blankets shall be at least 1/8-inch thick, continuous from grade to top of the blankets with no gaps, and have a minimum sound transmission class (STC) rating of 28. Prior to project operation, post signs at the pickleball court entrances with a list of allowable USA Pickleball "Quiet Category"-compliant paddles. Non-quiet paddles shall be prohibited. Following project implementation, the Town shall retain a qualified acoustical consultant to measure project operational noise levels to verify that noise levels at the closest residential property lines do not exceed the Town's thresholds.

With implementation of the recommended mitigation measure, project operational noise would be conservatively reduced by at least 10 dBA. With sound blanket mitigation, project operational noise would not exceed significance thresholds, and impacts would be less than significant.

- b) <u>Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne F levels?</u> Less than Significant Impact. Groundborne vibrations and noise levels would temporarily be increased due to the construction of the project but would not reach significant levels.
- c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? No Impact. The subject site is not located within an area including an airport land use plan, or within two miles of a public airport.

### XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:

- a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project does not propose any new homes. No population growth influenced by the additional courts is anticipated. The project was anticipated as part of the Town's 2030 General Plan.
- b) <u>Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?</u> **No Impact.** The development will not displace any housing in the area.

# **XV. PUBLIC SERVICES:** Would the project:

- a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:
  - i) <u>Fire Protection?</u> **Less than Significant Impact.** The project will be served by the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, as indicated in correspondence with the District. The project will be designed to meet all of the requirements of the District.
  - ii) <u>Police Protection?</u> **Less than Significant Impact.** The project will be served by the Danville Police Department, which is on contract from the Contra Costa County

Sheriff's Department.

- iii) <u>Schools?</u> Less than Significant Impact. No new residences are proposed. It is unlikely that the new courts will encourage population increase to impact school attendance within the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.
- iv) <u>Parks?</u> Less than Significant Impact. The proposed pickleball courts may have an increase in park facility use.
- v) Other Public Facilities? Less than Significant. No other public facilities have been identified in which this project would result in a significant adverse negative impact.

## **XVI. RECREATION:** Would the project result in:

- a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? Less than Significant Impact. The proposed pickleball courts may cause an increase in the use of Osage Park but will not be significant enough to cause substantial physical deterioration. There are two existing pickleball courts and three tennis courts which have not indicated that additional courts will accelerate deterioration.
- b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? Less than Significant Impact. The project will expand the existing pickleball area with the addition of up to six new courts but will not expand outside of Osage Station Park's boundaries. The construction will not have a significant adverse physical effect on the environment.

# XVII. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC: Would the project:

a) <u>Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?</u> **Less than Significant Impact.** The area's streets, land use planning and zoning were planned and in place to accommodate recreational uses on this site. Traffic will increase by the rate associated with six new pickleball courts.

In order to study the potential traffic and parking impacts related to the six additional pickleball courts, a Transportation Impact Analysis was prepared by Kimley – Horn and Associates, Inc. The study concluded that "the available parking supply for all three parking lots of 318 parking spaces is sufficient to meet the peak parking demands for Scenario #1 and #2 for a typical weekday and Saturday. The study also found that the project "would result in volumes less than the capacity threshold for all segments under Scenarios #1 and #2. Therefore, the project would

- not generate any deficiencies on the nearby roadway segments for both scenarios and any potential impacts would be less than significant.
- b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines § 15064.3, subdivision (b)? Less than Significant Impact. CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3 identifies vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the most appropriate criteria to evaluate a project's transportation impacts. The Transportation Division conducted a traffic study which indicated that any additional traffic due to the addition of six new pickleball courts will be less than significant.
- c) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? No Impact. The project does not propose any alterations or additions to transportation corridors, will meet all of the Town's design standards, and is not proposing any potentially hazardous design features.
- d) Result in inadequate emergency access? **No Impact.** The project is an addition to existing parks facilities and will have no impact on emergency access.

#### **XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES:**

- a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code § 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
  - i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or Less than Significant Impact. Osage Station Park is not recorded as a cultural resource. In the event that subsurface archeological remains are discovered during any construction or pre construction activities on the site, all land alteration work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted, the Town Planning Division notified, and a professional archeologist, certified by the Society of California Archeology and/or the Society of Professional Archeology, shall be notified. Site work in this area shall not occur until the archeologist has had an opportunity to evaluate the significance of the find and to outline appropriate mitigation measures, if they are deemed necessary. If prehistoric archaeological deposits are discovered during development of the site, local Native American organizations shall be consulted and involved in making resource management decisions.
  - ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported

by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code § 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code § 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe. Less than Significant Impact. Osage Station Park is not recorded as a cultural resource. In the event that subsurface archeological remains are discovered during any construction or pre construction activities on the site, all land alteration work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted, the Town Planning Division notified, and a professional archeologist, certified by the Society of California Archeology and/or the Society of Professional Archeology, shall be notified. Site work in this area shall not occur until the archeologist has had an opportunity to evaluate the significance of the find and to outline appropriate mitigation measures, if they are deemed necessary. If prehistoric archaeological deposits are discovered during development of the site, local Native American organizations shall be consulted and involved in making resource management decisions.

### XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project:

- a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects? No Impact. The development is within the Contra Costa County Central Sanitary District boundaries and will be served by the District. The project would include renovations to a public park, which would not include the construction of buildings or uses that would require relocation, new, or expanded water, wastewater treatment, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunication services.
- b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?? Less than Significant Impact. The project is within the boundaries of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District. Construction would only require minimal amounts of water and will not cause for an increase in water use during the ongoing operation and maintenance of the new courts.
- c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? No Impact. The development is within the Contra Costa County Central Sanitary District boundaries, and will be served by the District. Long-term project operation would not generate substantial solid waste beyond what is already generated by park users but may result in minimal additional wastewater attributed to people using the park's public restrooms.

- d) Generate solid waste in excess of state or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals? Less than Significant Impact. The area's solid waste provider will continue to serve the project location. Project construction would generate waste, resulting in the need for solid waste disposal. Long-term project operation would not generate substantial solid waste beyond what is already generated by park users but may result in minimal additional wastewater attributed to people using the park's public restrooms.
- e) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

  Less than Significant Impact. The development will be required to comply with all federal, state, and local statutes regarding solid waste.

## **XX. WILDFIRE:** Would the project:

- a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? No Impact. The project site is not located within any identified very high fire severity zones and will not impact emergency plans.
- b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire? No Impact. The project site is not located within any identified very high fire severity zones and does not have a sloping landscape or prevailing winds.
- c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment? No Impact. The project does not propose the addition of any infrastructure which may exacerbate fire risks.
- d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes? No Impact. The project site is primarily flat and will not expose people to flooding, landslides due to run off and drainage changes.

## XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Would the project:

a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? Less than Significant Impact.

There is no evidence that the project will degrade the quality of the environment, reduce the habitat of a wildlife species, or reduce the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal. The project does not have the potential to eliminate important examples of major periods of California history or prehistory.

- b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.) No Impact. The project does not have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable.
- c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? **No Impact.** The project has no potential to cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. The project would include improvements to an existing park.