

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE SMITH FIELD PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Half Moon Bay is circulating Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Smith Field Park Improvements Project for public comment.

Project/Location: Smith Field Park Improvements Project at 501 Wavecrest Road, west of Highway 1.

Project Description: The project would improve facilities at the existing Smith Field Park. Improvements include paving the parking area; upgrading four softball ballfields with new natural turf, one multi-use field with either natural or artificial turf, and enlarging the dog park and adding either natural or artificial turf; adding new facilities including a playground, picnic areas, walking trail, concession/restroom building; and improvements to landscaping, lighting and utilities including replacement of the existing water line and new hydrants. The property contains Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas which would be conserved by the project.

Construction of Phase 1 of the project is anticipated to commence in Spring 2026 and is scheduled to last approximately 6 months, ending in Fall 2026. To the extent possible, construction would occur between the spring and fall ball league schedules. Construction of Phase 2 would take a total of 12 months to complete but would likely be accomplished in smaller individual stages as funding allows.

Document Availability: The Initial Study/MND will be available for review at the following locations beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025:

- City of Half Moon Bay website: <https://www.half-moon-bay.ca.us/475/Biological-Reports-Environmental-Documen>
- City of Half Moon Bay City Hall, 501 Main Street, Half Moon Bay
- San Mateo County Library, Half Moon Bay Branch, 620 Correas Street, Half Moon Bay

Public Review Period: **The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study/MND is from April 28, 2025 to May 28, 2025.**

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 Wednesday, May 28, 2025. Written comments may be sent to: Maz Bozorginia, Director of Public Works, City of Half Moon Bay, 501 Main Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to mbozorginia@hmbcity.com.

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 based on mitigating measures, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared outlining a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan to mitigate the potentially significant impact to special status species, ESHAs, waters and wetlands, nesting birds, and unidentified cultural resources to less than significant impact. Additionally, the project site is not known to contain any significant hazardous waste contamination under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Public Hearing: The date, time, and place of future public hearings will be appropriately notified per City and CEQA requirements once the date(s) are determined.

