



City of Santa Barbara California

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – PLN2019-00535 AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DMND) has been prepared for the following project, pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970,” as amended to date.

PROJECT LOCATION: 1100 East Cabrillo Street and 1414 Park Place, Santa Barbara, CA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes to improve water quality and restore habitat for aquatic and avian wildlife through the replacement of the Andrée Clark Bird Refuge Lagoon weir and weir gate, removal of approximately 23 non-native trees, recontouring portions of the lagoon shoreline, recontouring the mouth of the lagoon on the beach side (adjacent to the volleyball courts), seasonal lowering of the sand berm at the mouth of the lagoon on the beach side, and installation of native plants and rock clusters along the margin of the lake, islands and mouth of the lagoon. Construction of a bio-retention basin would also occur at the Municipal Tennis Center property, located at 1414 Park Place.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: An Initial Study and a DMND have been prepared for this project and are available for review and comment. The DMND examines environmental impacts which may be associated with this project. Significant environmental effects identified in the DMND which are anticipated as a result of the project include impacts related to Biological Resources and Water Quality/Hydrology. The DMND includes a detailed analysis of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures to mitigate potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. The site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The DMND is available for review online at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/eir. If you are unable to review the document online, please contact Megan Arciniega (contact information below).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The City of Santa Barbara encourages the public to provide written comment on this and other projects. The public review period begins on **Friday, October 30, 2020**. Comments on the DMND must be submitted by **Sunday, November 29, 2020**. Please send your comments to: City of Santa Barbara, Planning Division, Attn: **Megan Arciniega, AICP, Project Planner**, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990, or send them electronically to MArciniega@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING: Any interested person may request a hearing before the Planning Commission to comment on this environmental document by filing a hearing request with the Planning Division on or before **November 9, 2020**. If requested, a Planning Commission hearing will be scheduled for **Thursday, November 19, 2020** at 1:00 p.m.* If you have any questions, wish to know more about this application, wish to review the plans, or wish to request a public hearing, please contact **Megan Arciniega, AICP, Project Planner**, at MArciniega@SantaBarbaraCA.gov or (805) 564-7587 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday). Please note, a hearing to take public comment will only be held if specifically requested, otherwise, review and adoption of the DMND, along with the project review, will occur at a later public hearing of the Planning Commission. The special hearing would ONLY be to take additional public comment on the environmental document, not the project itself.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Following the end of the DMND public review period, a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration including responses to comments and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program will

be prepared, and subsequent noticed public hearing will be held at the Planning Commission to consider actions to approve the project. If you challenge the permit approval or environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission, or in a public hearing on the project.

***NOTES REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING:** The Planning Commission meeting will only occur if specifically requested, and would begin at 1:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon. If a hearing is requested, on **Thursday, November 12, 2020**, an Agenda with all items to be heard on **Thursday November 19, 2020**, will be available at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/pc. AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS: Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/pc Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. Agenda items are subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested persons plan to arrive at 1:00 P.M. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and when the item prior to the application of interest begins come to the Commission hearing. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in the meeting, please contact the Planning Division Office at (805) 564-5470, extension 4535. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

Meetings can be viewed live on City TV-18, or on your computer via <http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV>. Meeting rebroadcast schedule can be found at <https://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTVProgramGuide>.