

November 19, 2010

INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS TRAIL PROJECT; COUNTY #AP201000428

Dear Reader/Reviewer:

The Initial Study (IS)/Environmental Checklist for the proposed San Antonio Heights Trail Project (i.e. "Project") is available for public review and comment. The purpose of the document is to identify and describe the probable environmental impacts that would result from implementation of the proposed Project. The proposed Project is a five-mile long public multi-use recreational trail located along the northern boundary of the community of San Antonio Heights between Claremont and Rancho Cucamonga in the unincorporated area of the County of San Bernardino. The proposed Project generally runs between the Cucamonga Channel and Cucamonga Dam to the east, and the San Antonio Dam to the west, along the existing alignment of the San Antonio Creek Trail. There are also two staging areas and two alternatives proposed as a part of the Project. The County of San Bernardino will oversee the construction of the Project. The proposed Project will be used for equestrian activities, mountain bike riding, and hiking. The staging areas will be used to park and unload bicycles, horses, and other equipment, and are directly linked to the proposed trail system. The staging areas will be approximately 5,000 square feet in size and will include parking for vehicles with trailers, secondary access to the primary trail, equestrian hitching posts, equestrian drinking troughs, wood benches, picnic tables, toilet facilities, and composting bins. Much of the Project will be constructed on a prepared surface of crushed decomposed granite, which will allow water to permeate into the underlying ground without substantial erosion. Minor improvements may be implemented along the existing dirt paths chosen for trail construction where erosion has occurred as well as widening improvements in order to accommodate multiple uses of the trail. The San Antonio Heights Trail Project is not included on the list prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

The document has been prepared to meet the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The County proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. **The public comment period will begin on November 22, 2010, and will end on December 22, 2010.** As of the date of this Notice, no public meeting/hearing has been scheduled for this project. A copy of the Initial Study/Environmental checklist and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the San Antonio Heights Trail Project is also available for review at the following locations:

*San Bernardino County
Land Use Services Department
385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 1st Fl.
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182*

*San Bernardino County
District Office
8575 Haven Ave., Suite 110
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730*

*Upland Public Library
Attn: Reference Dept. (Seleste Fong)
450 N. Euclid Ave.
Upland CA 91786*

*Montclair Library (civic center)
9955 Fremont Avenue
Montclair, CA 91763*

Copies of all CEQA documents prepared for the San Antonio Heights Trail Project are available and can be reviewed at:

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San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182*

Further, the Initial Study/Environmental Checklist /Mitigated Negative Declaration is posted on the San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department webpage at www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices; click "Public Notices-Projects". Comments and questions should be directed to the address below, or by calling (909) 387-4372.

County of San Bernardino
LUSD/Planning Division
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Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Location Map
Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

