

MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

MISSION CANYON PARK PROJECT

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1. Introduction

1.1 PURPOSE

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been developed to provide the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) with a document to ensure that the mitigation measures that were identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Mission Canyon Park Project (Project; State Clearinghouse No. 2018081044).

This MMRP has been prepared in conformance with the CEQA Statute (Section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code). Pursuant to Section 21081.6, “[t]he public agency shall adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes made to the project or conditions of project approval, adopted in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The reporting or monitoring program shall be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation.”

According to CEQA Guidelines Section 15370 mitigation includes:

- Avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action.
- Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation.
- Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the impacted environment.
- Reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of the action.
- Compensating for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments, including through permanent protection of such resources in the form of conservation easements.

As the Lead Agency, MRCA has the responsibility for implementing and complying with the mitigation measures that were identified in the MND for the Project.

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1.2 PROJECT LOCATION

The approximately 500-acre site is located at 2301 North Sepulveda Boulevard in the City and County of Los Angeles, California (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 4490-002-906 and 4490-002-800). The site is generally bound by residential property, private schools, and Mulholland Drive to the north; Sepulveda Boulevard and Interstate 405 (San Diego Freeway) to the east; open space, specifically the Westside-Canyonback Wilderness Park which consists of undeveloped hillside and the Canyonback Trail, an existing regional trail to the west and south; and the Mountaingate Country Club to the south.

1.3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project would formalize a multi-benefit regional trail on a former approximately 500-acre landfill. The landfill has been closed for over 40 years and ultimately its intended use, after operation, was to be converted for open space and passive recreation purposes. The Project is a partnership between the MRCA and the County of Los Angeles (landowner). The site is operated by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. The proposed improvements include a 2.5-mile loop trail and regional connection, flush toilets, picnic tables, native planting, fitness stairs, interpretive elements, gates, fencing, and other amenities.

1.4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

1.4.1 No Impact and Less Than Significant Impact

The following environmental resource areas were identified as having 'no impact' or a 'less than significant impact' in the MND.

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Wildfire

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1.4.2 Less Than Significant with Mitigation

The MND found that the Project would result in impacts to four resources areas that required mitigation: Biological Resources, Noise, Hazards and Hazardous Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. The mitigation measures for Biological Resources were also referenced in the Mandatory Findings of Significance assessment. While mitigation measures are designed to be more than just compliance with federal, State, and local regulations, the mitigation measures that were established for the Project further enhance the Project's design and ensure that potential impacts remain less than significant. Table 1 lists the mitigation measures that were incorporated into the MND for the Project. With mitigation, impacts to these four resource areas would be less than significant.

2. Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

2.1 INTRODUCTION

CEQA requires adoption of a reporting or monitoring program for the conditions of Project approval that are necessary to mitigate, reduce, or avoid significant effects on the environment.¹

The purpose of the MMRP is to ensure the effective implementation of the measures for the Project. In addition, it provides a means for identifying corrective actions, if necessary, before irreversible environmental damage occurs. As the Lead Agency, MRCA is responsible for review and approval of the Project and adoption of the MND and MMRP.

The MMRP requirements outlined in Table 1 include:

- The **mitigation measures**
- The **responsibility party** for implementation
- The **implementation phase**
- The **mitigation sign-off** completion date and initials of monitoring party

2.2 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

Table 1 provides the mitigation measures, scheduling, implementation, and compliance requirements for each mitigation measure provided in the MND for the Project. The mitigation measures are organized by resource area.

¹ Public Resources Code, Section 21081.6.

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Mitigation Measures		Responsibility for Implementation	Implementation Phase	Monitor <i>Signature and Date of Compliance Required</i>
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES				
MM-BIO-1	Pursuant to Fish and Game Code 1602, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) shall notify the California Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to implementing Project construction activities within 100 feet of the altered ephemeral stream. Prior to this coordination, MRCA shall incorporate the biological findings for the Project site (e.g., survey results related to flora, fauna, and wildlife species) into a biological database (e.g., California Natural Diversity Database, Vegetation Classification and Mapping Program, etc.) which may be used for subsequent or supplemental environmental determinations.	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Pre-Construction	(i.e., pre-construction, construction, prior to occupancy, post-occupancy)
MM-BIO-2	To comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the MRCA shall conduct pre- construction surveys for nesting birds by a qualified biologist within 500 feet of all Project work areas within one week of the commencement of Project construction if work occurs during the nesting bird season, which is generally accepted as February 1st to September 30th. The biologist will also determine if areas near the work areas are occupied by any special-status wildlife species just prior to construction. In the event that special-status species are found close enough to work areas where there is the potential for incidental take could occur, Project activities may need to be curtailed until the species have departed. Likewise, to avoid potential take under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, construction activities should not take place in the vicinity of any active bird nests. The recommended construction buffer zone around active bird nests varies by species and would need to be determined on an individual basis based on the opinion of the surveying biologist as agreed upon by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Pre-Construction / Construction	
HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS				
MM-HAZ-1	The MRCA shall post permanent signs and warnings at the entrances, parking area, and throughout the trail to prohibit smoking or use of any flammable chemicals, incendiary devices, or the use of unauthorized motor vehicles on the trails. Telephone numbers for emergency contacts shall be provided on each sign. The signs shall be compliant with the MRCA Park Ordinance.	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Prior to Opening	

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During wildfire season (typically June through October in Southern California), MRCA shall provide additional patrols, supplemental maintenance, and irrigation, as required, to limit the availability of accelerants and to prevent or limit the spread of wildfires.			
NOISE			
MM-NOI-1 If a construction staging area is used in the northern Project area, MRCA shall require the construction contractor to locate the area towards the middle of the site (where feasible) to maximize distance between the staging area and the nearest noise-sensitive receptors. If staging in the middle of the site is not feasible, the contractor shall use sound blankets to reduce the noise levels when operating construction equipment within 50 feet of residences or school property.	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority / Construction Contractor	Construction	
UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS			
MM-UTL-1 Consistent with Section 5.408 (Construction Waste Reduction, Disposal, and Recycling) of the 2013 CALGreen Building Standards Code (Title 24, CCR, Part 111, Section 5.408.1.1), MRCA shall require the construction contractor to recycle and/or salvage for reuse at least 65 percent of the non-hazardous construction and demolition waste during the construction activities, if feasible. This condition shall be included in the contract requirements for the construction contractor.	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority/ Construction Contractor	Construction	
PROJECT PLANS			
As outlined in the IS/MND, the following plans will be prepared for the Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Traffic Management Plan • Worksite Traffic Control Plan (WTCP) 	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority/ Construction Contractor	Pre-Construction/ Construction	