

Maxwell Farms Regional Park

Master Plan Update

Community Workshop #4

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

100 W. Verano Avenue

Boys and Girls Club, Maxwell Clubhouse

Discovery Room



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Planning Process:

- Identified park assets and park features and qualities that people like.
- Evaluated the issues and challenges facing the park.
- Considered the current and future needs of the community and developed ideas and opportunities for improvements.
- Reviewed and evaluated conceptual plan alternatives.
- **Draft Master Plan that is responsive to community recreation needs, balances natural resource values, parking needs, and safety concerns to create an exciting and sustainable future for the park.**

- Safety
- Illegal camping/ transient population
- Grafitti, vandalism and after hours trespass
- Access into and through the park
- Parking

- The creek environment and natural environment in general
- Trails through the wooded areas and open meadows
- Location of the park
- Tennis courts
- Play and picnic areas

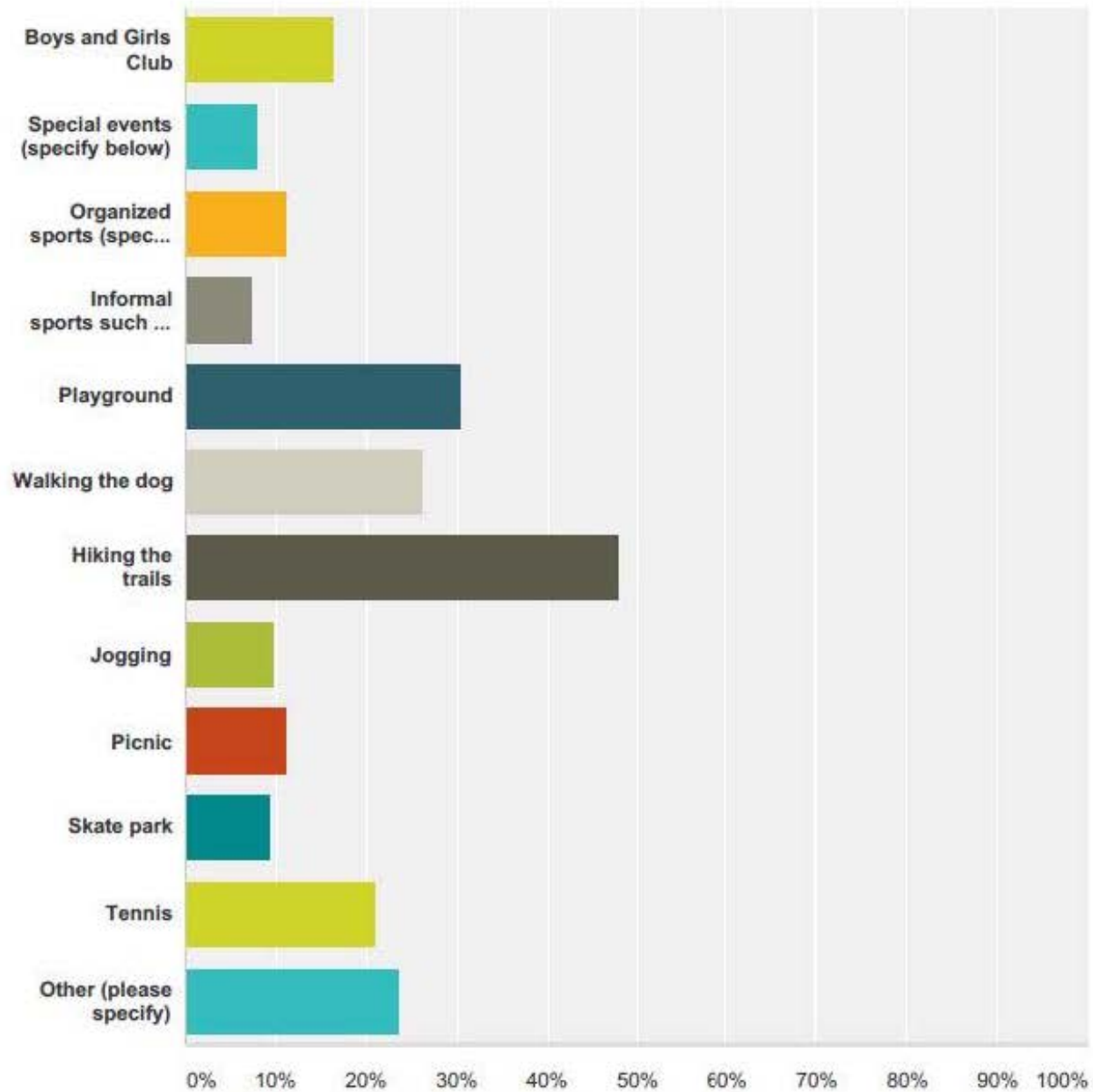
- Improved active recreation facilities (soccer & baseball fields)
- Trails and pathways with improved circulation into and through the park
- Protection & enhancement of the natural environment
- Improved restrooms
- Enhanced play and picnic areas w/ additional group picnic areas
- Sonoma Creek riparian corridor interpretation & tree ID program

- Bike park with pump track & skills course
- Off-leash dog areas
- Pickle ball courts
- Additional tennis courts
- Improved parking and vehicular circulation/safety
- Lighting
- Disc golf course
- Community garden

Opportunities

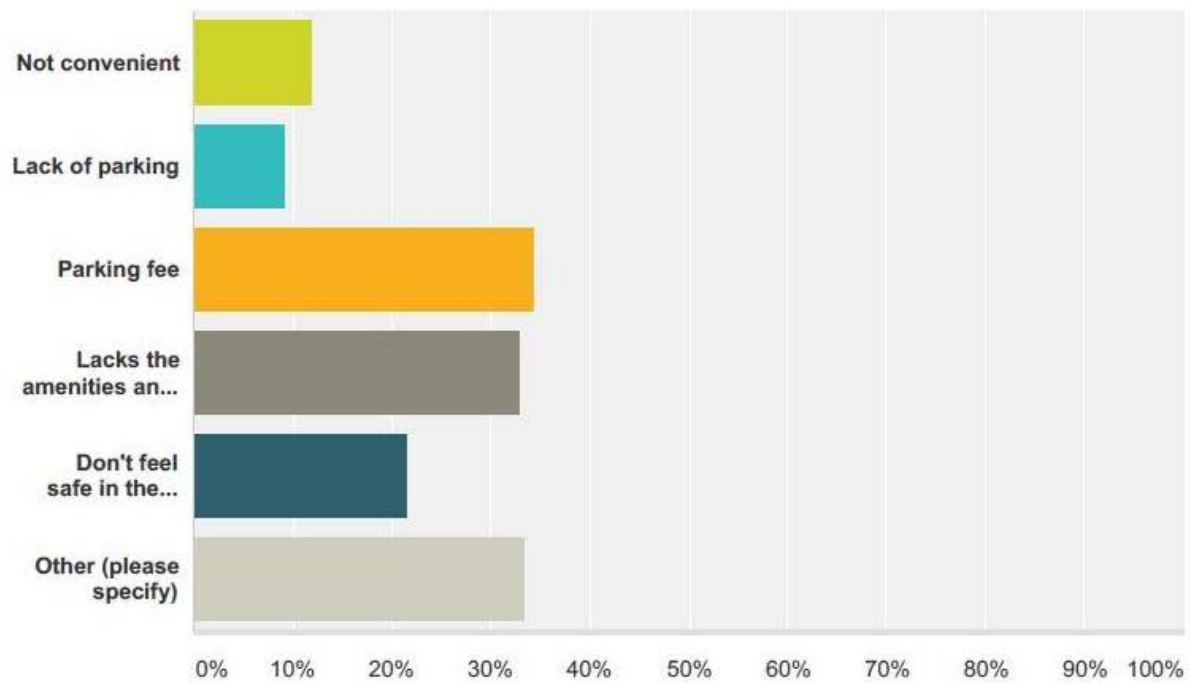
Q7 Why do you visit the park? (choose your top three)

Answered: 319 Skipped: 10

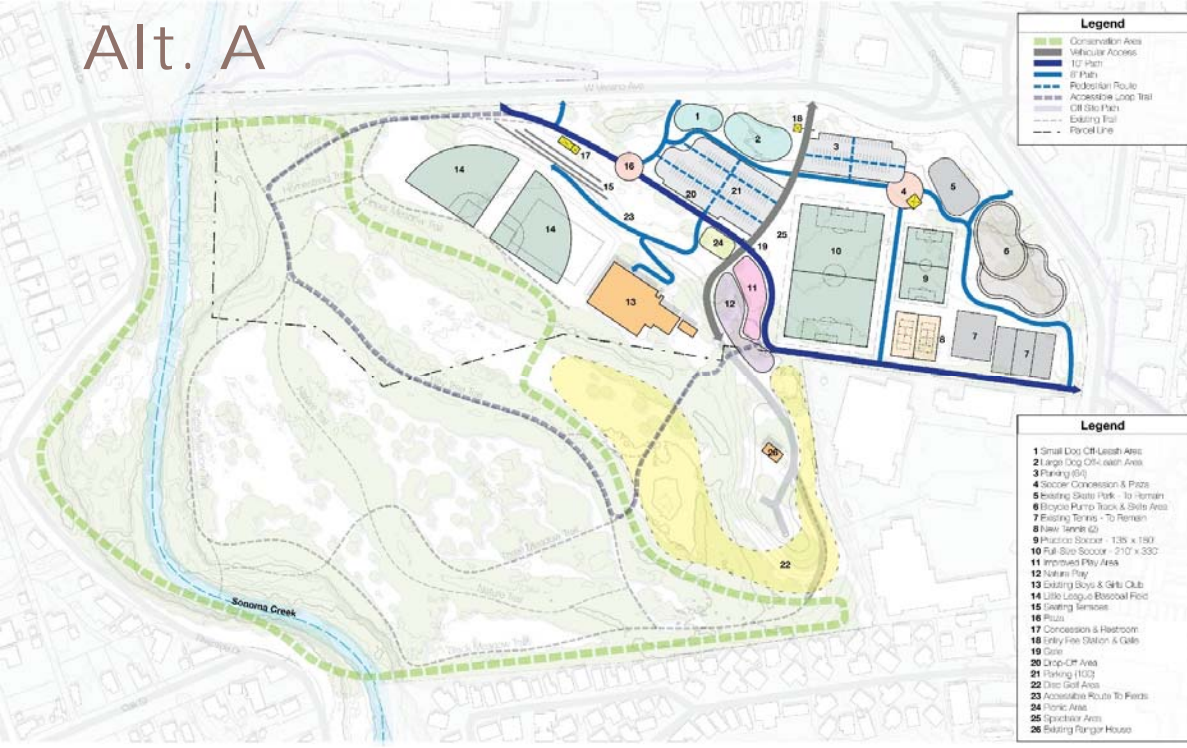


Q8 What prevents you from visiting the park more often? (check all that apply)

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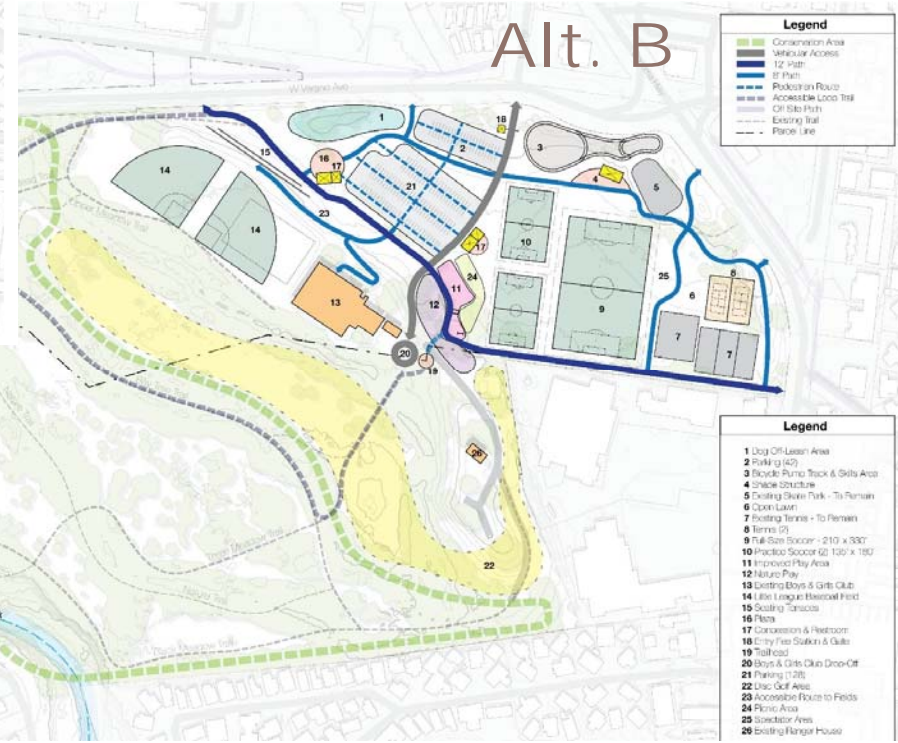


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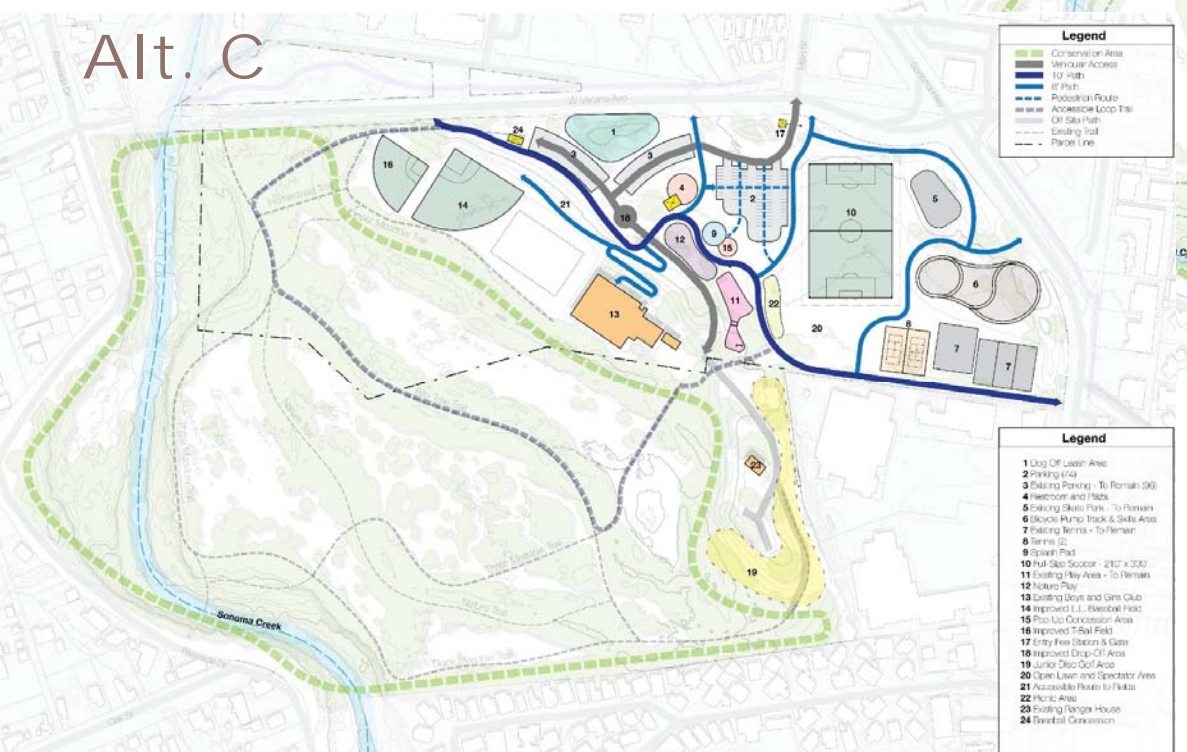
- Legend**
- 1 Small Dog Off-Leash Area
 - 2 Large Dog Off-Leash Area
 - 3 Parking (60)
 - 4 Soccer Concession & Plaza
 - 5 Existing Skate Park - To Remain
 - 6 Bicycle Pump Track & Skills Area
 - 7 Existing Tennis - To Remain
 - 8 New Tennis (2)
 - 9 Practice Soccer - 135' x 180'
 - 10 Full Size Soccer - 210' x 330'
 - 11 Improved Play Area
 - 12 Nature Play
 - 13 Existing Boys & Girls Club
 - 14 Little League Baseball Field
 - 15 Existing Tennis
 - 16 Plaza
 - 17 Concession & Restroom
 - 18 Entry Fee Station & Gate
 - 19 Gate
 - 20 Drop-Off Area
 - 21 Existing (100)
 - 22 Disc Golf Area
 - 23 Accessible Route to Fields
 - 24 Picnic Area
 - 25 Spectator Area
 - 26 Existing Ranger House

Alt. B



- Legend**
- 1 Dog Off-Leash Area
 - 2 Park (60)
 - 3 Bicycle Pump Track & Skills Area
 - 4 Shelter Structure
 - 5 Existing Skate Park - To Remain
 - 6 Open Lawn
 - 7 Existing Tennis - To Remain
 - 8 Tennis (2)
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- Legend**
- 1 Dog Off-Leash Area
 - 2 Existing (60)
 - 3 Existing Parking - To Remain (60)
 - 4 Restroom and Plaza
 - 5 Existing Skate Park - To Remain
 - 6 Bicycle Pump Track & Skills Area
 - 7 Existing Tennis - To Remain
 - 8 Tennis (2)
 - 9 Open Lawn
 - 10 Full Size Soccer - 210' x 330'
 - 11 Existing Play Area - To Remain
 - 12 Nature Play
 - 13 Existing Boys and Girls Club
 - 14 Improved Little League Baseball Field
 - 15 Full Size Concession Area
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 - 17 Entry Fee Station & Gate
 - 18 Improved Drop-Off Area
 - 19 Open Disc Golf Area
 - 20 Open Lawn and Spectator Area
 - 21 Accessible Route to Fields
 - 22 Picnic Area
 - 23 Existing Ranger House
 - 24 Baseball Concession



Preferred w/ modifications

+ Supports Access from



Legend	
1	Small Expo CP & Lawn Area
2	Large Expo CP & Lawn Area
3	Playing Field
4	Outdoor Classroom & Office
5	Community Garden - 75' x 100'
6	Community Garden - 75' x 100'
7	Community Garden - 75' x 100'
8	Open Lawn Area
9	Practice Soccer - 100' x 100'
10	Practice Soccer - 100' x 100'
11	Improved Play Area
12	Play Area
13	Walking Trail & Golf Club
14	Walking Trail & Golf Club
15	Walking Trail
16	Trail
17	Open Lawn & Storage
18	Open Lawn & Storage
19	Open Lawn
20	Open Lawn
21	Open Lawn
22	Open Lawn
23	Accommodate People to People
24	Open Lawn
25	Open Lawn
26	Open Lawn

Alternative A

Maxwell Farms Regional Park Preliminary Master Plan Update

Legend	
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Bike Zone 2

more family picnic/outdoor upward areas if Disc Golf, as in C

Botanical Gardens

Boardwalk
Family Oriented
Programs
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Alternative B

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- Better pedestrian access into and through the park
- Protection of the natural area (easement)
- Trail and pathway improvements
- Improved athletic fields with all-weather turf
- Improved parking and vehicular circulation
- Permeable pavement and green infrastructure strategies
- Lighting for fields and courts and safety (consider solar over parking)

Feedback – conceptual alternatives

- Expanded and improved play areas picnic areas
- Improved Restrooms with better access to active use areas
- Off leash dog area (not in the natural area)
- Minimize impacts to existing mature trees
- ❖ Include art and sculpture to represent the richness of the Springs
- ❖ More benches and water fountains
- ❖ Shaded sitting areas (consider power for charging devices and laptops).

Feedback – conceptual alternatives



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1	Baseball concession & restroom building
2	Bio-swales for stormwater treatment
3	Expanded parking lot (134 Stalls)
3a	Drop off zone
4	Entry fee station kiosk and gate
5	Additional parking (up to 50 Stalls)
5a	Drop off zone
6	Existing skate park - to remain
7	Reduced berm height and landscaping
8	Dog off-leash area
9	Baseball seating terraces with ADA access
10	Baseball with synthetic turf, permanent fencing and lighting
11	Baseball plaza with spectator seating
12	Baseball with synthetic turf, removable outfield fencing, lighting and soccer-overlay striping
13	Volleyball courts - overlay striping on turf
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27	Outdoor fitness equipment area
28	Open natural turf area
29	Restroom building
30	Pickleball courts
31	Tennis - (5) courts to remain, new lighting added
31a	Non-native tree removal
32	Ranger residence - to remain
32a	Maintenance yard
33	Enhanced creek access points
34	Improved pathway from Verano bridge into park
35	Riparian restoration zone
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Baseball Viewing Terraces













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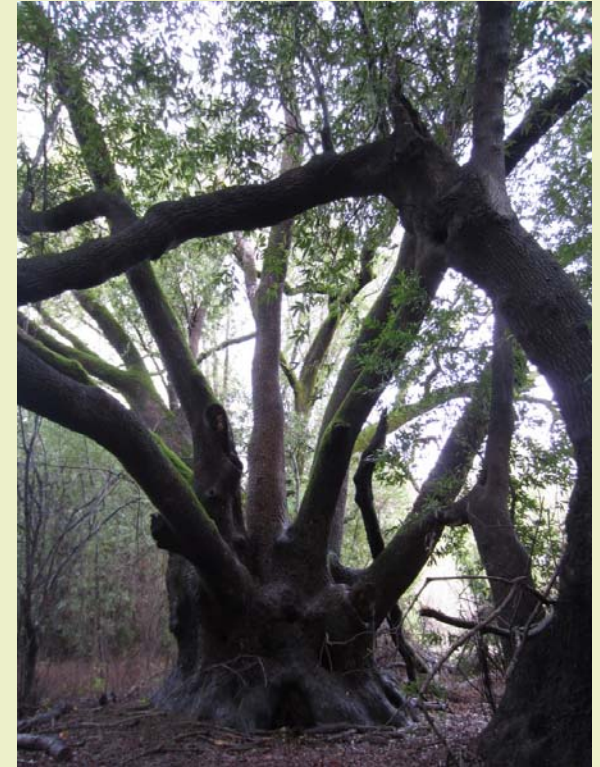
Maxwell Farms Regional Park Master Plan CEQA Process Overview

CEQA Process Overview

What is CEQA?

CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act

- Applies to State and local agency projects
- Requires agencies to consider the significant environmental impacts before decisions are made



CEQA Process Overview

What is an IS/MND?

IS = Initial Study?

- Presents the Project being proposed
- Discloses potentially significant environmental effects
- Identifies measures to avoid or mitigate significant effects

MND = Mitigated Negative Declaration

- Prepared when the Initial Study has identified potentially significant effects on the environment, but revisions/mitigations are made to the project that would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a level of insignificance.

CEQA Process Overview

Initial Study Resource Topics

Aesthetics

Agriculture and Forestry

Air Quality

Biological Resources

Energy

Geology and Soils

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Hydrology and Water Quality

Land Use and Planning

Mineral Resources

Noise

Population and Housing

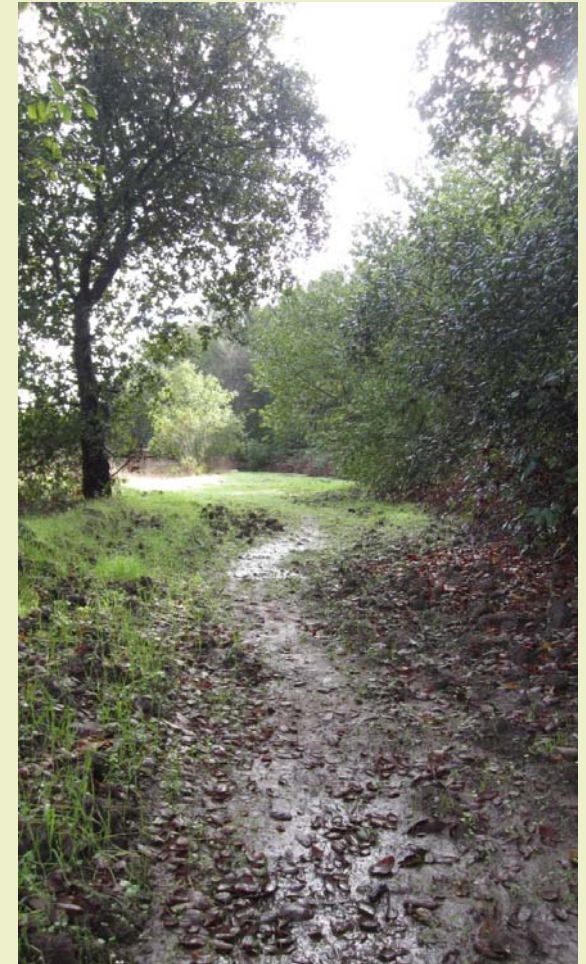
Public Services

Recreation

Transportation and Traffic

Tribal/Cultural Resources

Utilities and Service Systems



CEQA Process Overview

IS/MND Process

Summer 2017

- **Prepare Initial Study**
 - Determine whether impacts significant
 - Identify appropriate mitigation
- **Environmental Review Committee Meeting**
 - Confirm approach with ERC

Fall 2017

- **Prepare Public Review Draft IS/MND**
 - Revise IS/MND based upon ERC input
- **Publish Draft IS/MND**
 - Notices mailed to interested parties
 - 30-day public review period begins/comments welcome

Winter 2017/2018

- **Response to Comments/Final IS/MND**
 - Board of Supervisors Adoption



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