Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration CEQA PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD October 18, 2024, to November 18, 2024

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Livermore is the Lead Agency and has prepared a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Arroyo Las Positas Flood Mitigation Project (Arroyo Las Positas Desilting through Las Positas Golf Course, City Project No. 202015 and Las Positas Golf Course Repair, CIP 202132) (project). The purpose of this Notice of Intent (NOI) is to solicit comments on the environmental analysis contained in the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND).

Project Description

The proposed project would include flood mitigation improvements to a stretch of Arroyo Las Positas which has a reduced channel capacity and is prone to flooding. Arroyo Las Positas flows from east to west through the center of the project site, which includes portions of the Las Positas Golf Course and an adjacent undeveloped parcel to the east. In recent years, heavy storms have caused significant flooding of the creek which has impacted not only the golf course but also the Livermore Municipal Airport and its facilities which border the golf course to the south. The purpose of the project is to restore flow for a stretch of Arroyo Las Positas and improve water quality by increasing the adjacent riparian habitat and reducing sediment input resulting from flood events. The project is being funded in part by a Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant and a California Department of Water Resources Flood Management grant.

Project elements would include expanding the channel flood bank; installing flood walls, flood berms, flood gates, and culverts; raising one golf cart path bridge; and relocating golf course feature such as trees and cart paths. Project construction work would require the removal of approximately 116 riparian trees, which would be replaced at a 3:1 ratio. All disturbed soils would also be replanted with native plant species following the completion of excavation and grading work. The project would be required to obtain applicable permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Section 404 Nationwide Permit), the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Section 401 Water Quality Certification), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Section 1602 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement).

Public Review Period

The draft IS/MND will be circulated for a 32-day review period from October 18, 2024, to November 18, 2024, pursuant to Section 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines. Comments should be mailed or emailed to the City at the address below, by no later than **5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2024.**

City of Livermore
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A hard copy of the draft IS/MND is available for review at the City of Livermore Planning Division, 1052 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. The environmental document is also available for review at the Livermore Pubic Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, and on the City's website:

https://www.livermoreca.gov/departments/community-development/planning/environmental-documents.