



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Marin County Clerk
Project Title: Hill Recreation Area Master Plan Project (CIP No. 01-005)
Lead Agency: City of Novato
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Review Period: December 13, 2018, to January 14, 2019

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Novato has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/Proposed MND) for the Hill Recreation Area Master Plan project (Master Plan).

Project Description and Location

The Hill Recreation Area Master Plan would improve the Hill Recreation Area as follows: replace the existing natural turf fields with two synthetic turf fields; add pickleball/paddle tennis courts; add bocce courts with canopy and lighting; modify the Hill Gymnasium restroom; add to and improve existing parking, circulation, and stormwater facilities; and other ancillary improvements such as picnic tables, benches, LED walkway lighting, drinking fountain, and waste/recycle receptacles. Both fields would be fenced with 8-foot tall black or grey vinyl coated fencing or galvanized chain link fencing. These improvements would repair damage that has occurred over time, and improve emergency, pedestrian, and public transit access. Improvements to the Hill Road/Arroyo Avichi Creekside parcel would occur along the edge of Hill Road and include a Class I multi-use pathway and three picnic areas. Approximately four trees would be removed to accommodate the path, and approximately 12 trees would be planted along Arroyo Avichi Creeks. Hours of operation would remain the same (sunrise to sunset) except for use of the bocce courts, which would be allowed until 10 pm.

Providing Comments

A 33-day public review period will extend from December 13, 2018, to January 14, 2019. An additional 3 days beyond the required 30 days has been provided due to the holidays. The IS/Proposed MND will be available for public review online at novato.org/hillmasterplan and at the following locations:

- Public Works Department, 922 Machin Avenue, Novato
- South Novato Library, 931 C Street, Novato, CA

Agencies and interested parties may provide written comments on the Master Plan IS/Proposed MND. Comments may be mailed to the attention of Petr Skala at City of Novato, 922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA 94945, or emailed to pskala@novato.org.

After the review period closes, the City Council will consider adopting the MND for the project during a regularly scheduled public meeting tentatively scheduled for January 22 or February 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Novato City Hall Council Chambers, 901 Sherman Avenue. We encourage you to check the City's webpage to confirm the date and time of the Council meeting at the following website address: <http://novato.org/government/city-council/agendas-minutes/city-council-agendas-minutes>.