

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 15-16, 2024

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Dry Creek Trail Phase II Project, Resolution E-24-78

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Dry Creek Trail Phase II Project (Project) in Sacramento County and approve the Project for future funding consideration.

Issue:

The County of Sacramento (County) is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. Dry Creek Trail Phase II is located in the unincorporated communities of Rio Linda, Elverta, and Antelope, north of the city of Sacramento, within Sacramento County. The Project consists of two new trail segments, at the north and south ends, respectively, of the existing Dry Creek Parkway Trail. The northern segment would include construction of approximately 2.6 miles of paved Class I multi-use trail, stretching from the Cherry Island Sports Complex at 28th and U streets northward to the Placer County line in Gibson Ranch Park. The southern segment would include construction of 0.7 mile of paved Class I multi-use trail connecting the Sacramento Northern Bikeway Trail to the existing Dry Creek Bikeway Trail along Dry Creek Road. An equestrian trail runs parallel for the entirety of the segments. The proposed project also includes crossing signals, roadway striping, signage, and construction of four bridges. The County Regional Parks Department intends to demolish the single-family home, barn, and abandon the associated septic system at 2592 Elverta Road, in compliance with applicable demolition and closure laws, and incorporate the property into the Dry Creek Parkway.

For all projects that are seeking funding through a program under the purview of the Commission, full compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act is required. The Commission will not allocate funds to projects for design, right-of-way, or construction until the environmental document is complete, and the Commission has approved the environmentally cleared project for future funding consideration.

Background:

On June 4, 2024, Sacramento County adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures. On June 12, 2024, Sacramento County confirmed that the environmental document remains valid, there are no newly identified impacts requiring mitigation, and the environmental document is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

Impacts that require mitigation measures in order to be reduced to less than significant levels relate to air quality, construction-generated noise, floodplain development, temporary water quality, paleontological resources, biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources.

Mitigation measures include the following: Mitigation Measure A: Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Basic Construction Emission Control Practices; Mitigation Measure B: Implement Construction-Related Noise Reduction Strategies; Mitigation Measure C: Perform Hydraulic Studies for Project Improvements to be located in Floodplains, Coordinate with Regulatory Agencies, and Obtain Required Permits; Mitigation Measure D: Prohibit Materials Stockpiles in Staging Areas During the Winter Rainy Season; Mitigation Measure E: Avoid Impacts to Unique Paleontological Resources; Mitigation Measure F: Conduct Botanical Surveys for Sanford's Arrowhead; Avoid Placing Pedestrian Bridges over Sanford's Arrowhead Populations; Mitigation Measure G: Avoid Impacts on Western Pond Turtle During Construction; Mitigation Measure H: Central Valley Steelhead Protection; Mitigation Measure I: Avoid Impacts on Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle; Mitigation Measure J: Swainson's Hawk Nesting Surveys; Mitigation Measure K: Tricolored Blackbirds Nesting Survey; Mitigation Measure L: White-Tailed Kite Nesting Survey; Mitigation Measure M: Preconstruction Survey for Nesting Birds and Raptors; Mitigation Measure N: Burrowing Owl Survey; Mitigation Measure O: Special Status Fish Rescue Plan; Mitigation Measure P: Riparian Habitat Restoration; Mitigation Measure Q: Native Tree Removal & Replacement; Mitigation Measure R: Native Tree Construction Protection; Mitigation Measure S: Non-Native Tree Canopy Replacement; Mitigation Measure T: Permits for Protected Waters; Mitigation Measure U: Tribal Monitors; Mitigation Measure V: Unanticipated Discoveries of Cultural Resources; Mitigation Measure W: Tribal Cultural Resources Awareness Training; Mitigation Measure X: Inadvertent Discoveries of Tribal Cultural Resources; Mitigation Measure Y: Treatment and Disposition of Tribal Cultural Objects; Mitigation Measure Z: Avoid Impacts on Bumble Bees; and Mitigation Measure AA: Avoid Impacts on Bats.

The Project is estimated to cost \$8,696,000 and is funded through construction with Active Transportation Program (\$7,704,000) and local (\$992,000) funds.

Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2026-27.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-24-78
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution for Future Funding Consideration**

**3 – Sacramento County
Resolution E-24-78**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, Sacramento County has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Dry Creek Trail Phase II Project (Project) in Sacramento County; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, Sacramento County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Dry Creek Trail Phase II is located in the unincorporated communities of Rio Linda, Elverta, and Antelope, north of the City of Sacramento, within Sacramento County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project consists of two new trail segments, at the north and south ends, respectively, of the existing Dry Creek Parkway Trail. The northern segment would include construction of approximately 2.6 miles of paved Class I multi-use trail, stretching from the Cherry Island Sports Complex at 28th and U streets northward to the Placer County line in Gibson Ranch Park. The southern segment would include construction of 0.7 mile of paved Class I multi-use trail connecting the Sacramento Northern Bikeway Trail to the existing Dry Creek Bikeway Trail along Dry Creek Road. An equestrian trail runs parallel for the entirety of the segments. The proposed project also includes crossing signals, roadway striping, signage, and construction of four bridges. The County Regional Parks Department intends to demolish the single-family home, barn, and abandon the associated septic system at 2592 Elverta Road, in compliance with applicable demolition and closure laws, and incorporate the property into the Dry Creek Parkway; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, impacts that require mitigation measures in order to be reduced to less than significant levels relate to air quality, construction-generated noise, floodplain development, temporary water quality, paleontological resources, biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources; and certain mitigation measures have been adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on June 4, 2024, Sacramento County adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures; and

- 1.8 WHEREAS, on June 12, 2024, Sacramento County confirmed that the environmental document remains valid, there are no newly identified impacts requiring mitigation, and the environmental document is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the Commission; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above-referenced Project for future funding consideration.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Transportation Commission
Attn: Brigitte Driller
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Dry Creek Trail Phase II Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): Dry Creek Trail Phase II is located in the unincorporated communities of Rio Linda, Elverta, and Antelope, north of the city of Sacramento, within Sacramento County.

Project Description: The project consists of two new trail segments, at the north and south ends, respectively, of the existing Dry Creek Parkway Trail. The northern segment would include construction of approximately 2.6 miles of paved Class I multi-use trail, stretching from the Cherry Island Sports Complex at 28th and U Streets northward to the Placer County line in Gibson Ranch Park. The southern segment would include construction of 0.7 mile of paved Class I multi-use trail connecting the Sacramento Northern Bikeway Trail to the existing Dry Creek Bikeway Trail along Dry Creek Road. An equestrian trail runs parallel for the entirety of the segments. The proposed project also includes crossing signals, roadway striping, signage, and construction of four bridges. The County Regional Parks Department intends to demolish the single-family home, barn, and abandon the associated septic system at 2592 Elverta Road, in compliance with applicable demolition and closure laws, and incorporate the property into the Dry Creek Parkway.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above-described
(☐ Lead Agency/ ☒ Responsible Agency)

project on August 15-16, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project (☐ will/ ☒ will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ A Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (☒ were/ ☐ were not) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (☒ was / ☐ was not) adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations (☐ was / ☒ was not) adopted for this project.
6. Findings (☐ were/ ☒ were not) made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The above-identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: Sacramento County Regional Parks Department, 10361 Rockingham Dr STE 100 Sacramento, CA 95827.

TANISHA TAYLOR

Signature (Public Agency)

Date

Executive Director

California Transportation Commission

Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

Project Location Map

Dry Creek Trail Phase II Project, Sacramento County, California

