



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In compliance with section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and the County of Orange Procedures, notification is hereby given to responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public, that the County of Orange **shall adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) File Number IP 19-044.**

PUBLIC REVIEW:

The proposed MND is being circulated for public review for 30 days from September 9, 2019 to October 9, 2019. The MND may be adopted by the County of Orange and become **final unless written comments on its appropriateness or adequacy are received by the office listed below by 4:30 p.m.** on the ending date of the public review period (**October 9, 2019**).

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PUBLIC MEETING(S)/HEARINGS ON PROJECT:

The proposed project will be reviewed for approval by a decision-maker listed below.

DECISION MAKING BODY: Board of Supervisors

DATE: Tentatively November 19, 2019

TIME: 1:30 PM or soon thereafter

LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING/HEARING: See location map below.

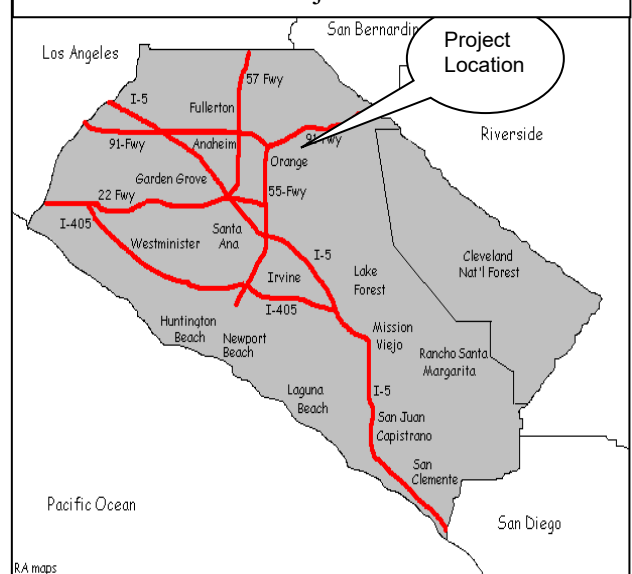
The MND and any supporting attachments are available for review during normal business hours at the offices of the OC Public Works, OC Development Services/Planning, 601 North Ross Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701 and also available at the following website:

http://www.ocpublicworks.com/ds/planning/projects/3rd_district/ip_19_044_irvine_ranch

Public Hearing Location - County of Orange Hall of Administration – 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana 92702 Board of Supervisors Hearing Room



General Project Location





**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
OC PUBLIC WORKS
601 NORTH ROSS STREET
P. O. BOX 4048
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701**

In accordance with Orange County Board of Supervisor's policies regarding implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, the County of Orange has conducted an Initial Study to determine whether the following project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. On the basis of that study, the County of Orange hereby finds that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report because either the proposed project:

- has or creates no** significant environmental impacts requiring mitigation; or
- will not create** a significant adverse effect, because the Mitigation Measures described in the Initial Study have been added to the project.

The environmental documents, which constitute the Initial Study and provide the basis and reasons for this determination are attached and hereby made a part of this document.

PROJECT:

Title: Irvine Ranch Open Space 2014 Donation Interim Recreation and Resource Management Plan **File No:** IP 19-044

Location: Cities of Orange and Anaheim and Unincorporated Orange County

Description: The proposed Project is the implementation of the Interim Recreation and Resource Management Plan for the Irvine Ranch Open Space 2014 Donation. Four parcels consisting of East Orange I, East Orange II, Mountain Park, and Irvine Park Addition (collectively referred to as the 2014 IROS), have been donated for a total land area of nearly 2,300 acres, adding to the 20,000-acre Irvine Ranch Open Space (IROS) previously donated by The Irvine Company. Recreational improvements and general park maintenance are proposed for three of the four parcels. Irvine Park Addition will not have improvements and is fenced off from access. The improvements are intended to identify and improve trails that currently exist and have existed in the past (historical) for permitted recreational uses including hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Existing gravel lots and historical parking areas will be used for public staging areas. They would be improved to provide Americans with Disabilities Act parking, portable toilets, and picnic areas. Signage indicating relative information or regulation, access, park boundaries, and public health and safety will be replaced and/or added to the site. Existing and historical trails will be cleared of overgrown vegetation. In addition, the Project includes minimal vegetation restoration, such as planting of native plants, as well as non-native plant removal.

Project Proponent or Applicant: County of Orange

Division/Department Responsible for Proposed Project: OC Parks – Planning & Design Division

Address: 601 North Ross Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Contact Person – Project: Natalia Gaerlan, Senior Project Manager, OC Parks **Telephone:** (949) 923-3759

Contact Person – CEQA: Cindy Salazar, Senior Planner **Telephone:** (714) 667-8870

NOTICE: The Mitigated Negative Declaration may become final unless written comments are received by the office listed above by **4:30 p.m. on October 9, 2019**. If you wish to provide comments on the appropriateness or adequacy of this document, address your written comments to our finding that the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment: (1) identify the environmental effect(s), why they would occur, and why they would be significant, and (2) suggest any mitigation measures which you believe would eliminate or reduce the effect to an acceptable level. Regarding item (1) above, explain the basis for your comments and submit any supporting data or references.

Dated: 9/16/19

Signed: Jaenna Chang

NOTE: This document and supporting attachments are provided to the general public for review. This is an information document about environmental effects only. Supplemental information is on file and may be reviewed in the office listed above. The decision-making body will review this document and potentially many other sources of information before considering the proposed project.