



Date of Notice: August 1, 2023
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Stow Grove Park Master Plan Project
City of Goleta

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Goleta has completed a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project described below, and invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis described in the Draft **MND**. The public comment period begins on August 1, 2023 and will end on August 31, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments. All letters should be addressed to Department of Neighborhood Services, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117, to the attention of (JoAnne Plummer, Parks and Recreation Manager, 805-562-5505, jplummer@cityofgoleta.org). **All comments must be received no later than August 31, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.**

PROJECT LOCATION AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is located in a residential area of the City of Goleta at 580 North La Patera Lane. The project site is approximately 11.75 acres and includes the entirety of Stow Grove Park (Assessor Parcel Number 077-160-009) and a portion of the Cathedral Oaks Road to the north. The project site has a land use and zoning classification of Open Space Active Recreation (OSAR). The project includes the development of the Stow Grove Park Master Plan which envisions improved, new, expanded, and renovated active and passive recreational park amenities at Stow Grove Park in the City of Goleta. Generally, improvements include installation of a new restroom, interactive gardens, fitness trail loop, nature/play area, and trash enclosure, and refurbishment of the parking lot, maintenance facility, horseshoe area, playgrounds, multi-use fields, walking/running paths, volleyball courts, picnic areas, park entrances, and redwood grove/walking trails. The project also includes relocation of an on-site Goleta Water District line.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: A Draft MND has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, §§ 21000, et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, §§ 150000, et seq.), and the City's Environmental Review Guidelines. The Draft MND identifies and discusses potential impacts and residual impacts for the identified subject areas. Based on the discussion and analysis provided in the Draft MND, it is anticipated that the project described would not create any significant adverse effects on the environment with the inclusion of mitigation measures in the following areas; Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Geology and Soils. Further, the site is not listed on any hazardous waste facilities or disposal sites as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft MND is available for public review at the City of Goleta Department of Neighborhood Services, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, California. The document is posted on the City's website at <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/play/parks-recreation-open-spaces/current-improvement-projects/stow-grove-park-master-plan-design>.

REVIEW PROCESS: The upcoming steps in the review process are: 1) Public review period on the Draft MND between August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. A Public Hearing to consider and take action on the Final MND will be scheduled before City Council, the decision maker for this project. The date for this hearing has not been determined and additional notice will be provided accordingly.

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