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ADDENDUM TO THE HARRY RENFREE FIELD RENOVATIONS PROJECT AT DEL PASO REGIONAL PARK (SCH: #2023090065)

This Addendum to the Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project (Project) Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND; SCH#2023090065) analyzes proposed modifications to the existing infrastructure at Del Paso Regional Park, originally approved by the City of Sacramento Community Development Department in February 2024. The current proposal requests a minor modification of the Project description from the Project's certified IS/MND, to install two 4-inch electrical conduits measuring approximately 222 feet long (444 feet total). These conduits will extend from an existing SMUD utility pole north of the field on Park Road, pass beneath Arcade Creek, and connect to the existing SMUD utility box at Renfree Field. This addition is necessary in order to supply electricity to the new facilities identified in the 2024 IS/MND.

The City of Sacramento Community Development Department, California, a municipal corporation, does hereby prepare, declare, and publish this Addendum to the Project's IS/MND to modify the Project description to include the installation of approximately 444 feet of two new electrical conduit lines.

The City of Sacramento Community Development Department, has reviewed the proposed Project and on the basis of the whole record before it, has determined that there is no substantial evidence that the Project, as identified in the attached Addendum, would have a significant effect on the environment beyond that which was evaluated in the IS/MND. A supplemental IS/MND is not required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Sections 21000, et. Seq., Public Resources Code of the State of California).

This Addendum to a certified IS/MND has been prepared pursuant to Title 14, Section 15164 of the California Code of Regulations; the Sacramento Local Environmental Regulations (Resolution 91-892) adopted by the City of Sacramento.

The environmental document prepared for the Project, including the IS/MND and Notice of Availability, can be reviewed at the offices of the Community Development Department, Planning Division, 300 Richards Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95811 during public counter hours, or on the City's website at: http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports.

Environmental Services Manager,
City of Sacramento, California, a municipal corporation

Date: January 8, 2025 By: Ron Bess

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File Number/Project Name: Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project at Del Paso Regional Park (Project No. L19300002; SCH: #2023090065)

Project Location: The Project site is located at 3615 Auburn Boulevard near the Auburn Boulevard and Bridge Road intersection within the larger Del Paso Regional Park in the northwest portion of the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, California (Attachment A. Figure 1; Figure 2). Del Paso Regional Park is an approximately 630-acre, multi-use park and includes Harry Renfree Field (Renfree Field). The Project site (Renfree Field, a section of Bridge Road, and the open space to the west— Owl Creek Terrace) is approximately 8.33 acres. It is located on the western portion of Sacramento County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 240-0342-011-0000, an approximately 76-acre parcel.

Existing General Plan Designations and Zoning: The Project site is designated as Park and Recreation in the 2035 and 2040 General Plan Land Use Diagram and is zoned R-1, which is defined as a low-density residential zone composed of single-family, detached residences. R-1 zoning also allows recreational facilities.

Project Background: The Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project at Del Paso Regional Park was approved by the City Council on February 13, 2024 (Attachment B), which would allow for the replacement of the current Renfree Field baseball facilities with two side-by-side baseball fields (Field 1 and Practice Field 2) with overlapping outfield areas and a new soccer field. Baseball Field 1 would be located on roughly the same footprint as the existing Renfree Field, would be oriented similarly, and would have 30-foot-tall backstop fencing. Practice Field 2 and its 30-foot-tall backstop fencing would be located on the southeast portion of the site, north of the play structure and eastern parking lot and adjacent to the existing walking paths/equestrian trails. A 210-foot-by-330-foot soccer field would be striped in the outfield area(s) of the proposed new ballfields on the north portion of the existing Renfree Field. Infrastructure associated with the existing Renfree Field such as bleachers, bullpens, shaded dugouts, lighting, and connecting sidewalks would be replaced. The western parking lot would be redeveloped with a basketball court and four pickleball courts on its north portion resulting in the loss of approximately 50 parking spaces; however, 77 parking spaces will be made available in the southern portion.

Project Description: The current proposal requests a minor modification to the Project description from the Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project at Del Paso Regional Park IS/MND. This modification involves the installation of two electrical conduit lines, each approximately 222 feet long. These new conduits will run from an existing SMUD utility pole located north of the field on Park Road, cross under Arcade Creek, and connect to the existing SMUD utility box at Renfree Field to provide electricity to the new facilities (Attachment A. Figure 3). The new electrical conduits will be installed via horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to avoid impacts to sensitive habitats, including Arcade Creek and its riparian corridor.

Discussion

An Addendum to an adopted IS/MND may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are required, and none of the conditions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 are present. The following identifies the standards set forth in section 15162 as they relate to the Project.

1. No substantial changes are proposed in the project which would require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new

significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

Changes to the original Project described in the certified IS/MND include the addition of approximately 444 feet of underground electrical conduit. These conduits will be installed starting at an existing SMUD utility pole located north of the existing field along Park Road, cross under Arcade Creek, and connect to the existing SMUD utility box at Renfree Field. The 2024 IS/MND originally anticipated connecting the proposed Project facilities to electrical lines located along Auburn Boulevard near the children's playground. However, since the IS/MND's approval, the City determined that new conduits are necessary to provide electricity to the new facilities. To minimize environmental impacts, the City proposes to install the conduits using HDD, which will avoid disturbance to Arcade Creek and its associated riparian corridor. Access pits for the drilling process will be placed outside of these sensitive areas, ensuring there are no indirect or direct impacts to the jurisdictional water, Arcade Creek, or its associated riparian habitat. No surface disturbance will occur between the access pits and backfill material will not be required. Construction impacts from the HDD process will be short in duration and abide by all relevant City of Sacramento Ordinances, as well as the 2040 General Plan.

This Project modification does not require major revisions of the certified IS/MND, as there will no significant environmental effects from the proposed conduit installation. The Project will also retain all of its original features. In addition, due to the method of conduit installation, the proposed changes avoid significant ground and/or habitat disturbance and will not result in any temporary or permanent impacts to sensitive habitat communities. The proposed Project description modification would not result in any other physical changes and is therefore within the scope of analysis of the prior Project. There would be no new potential environmental impacts or any more severe impacts than those previously evaluated and identified and proposed to be mitigated for in the original City of Sacramento Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project at Del Paso Regional Park IS/MND (SCH#: 2023090065).

2. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to circumstances under which the project is undertaken that would require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effect or a substantial increase in the severity of previously indemnified significant effects.

The City adopted the IS/MND in February 2024. The approval of the Addendum to the 2024 IS/MND does not result in a change of or any new significant effects relating to the proposed project that would result in major revisions of the previous IS/MND due to new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously indemnified significant effects.

The Draft IS/MND and MND Comments, Responses and Revision Errata are both available for review at the offices of Development Services Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA during normal business hours, and are also available online at:
http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports

The physical conditions of the Project site have not been modified since the Project approval. No substantial changes have occurred on neighboring properties that would result in changes to the analysis of physical effects on the environmental that was evaluated in the IS/MND.

3. No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:

a) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous negative declaration;

b) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous negative declaration;

c) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative, or;
d) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous negative declaration would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

The proposed Project description modification would not result in any new significant environmental impacts that were not previously identified in the IS/MND. All of the mitigation measures included as part of the certified IS/MND would continue to be implemented.

The proposed Project description modification will not result in effects substantially more severe than what is evaluated in the IS/MND, and mitigation measures adopted for the previous IS/MND are consistent with what has been previously analyzed. The installation of the new electrical conduit lines will not have any temporary or permanent impacts to sensitive habitat communities within or adjacent to the Project area, including Arcade Creek and its associated riparian corridor.

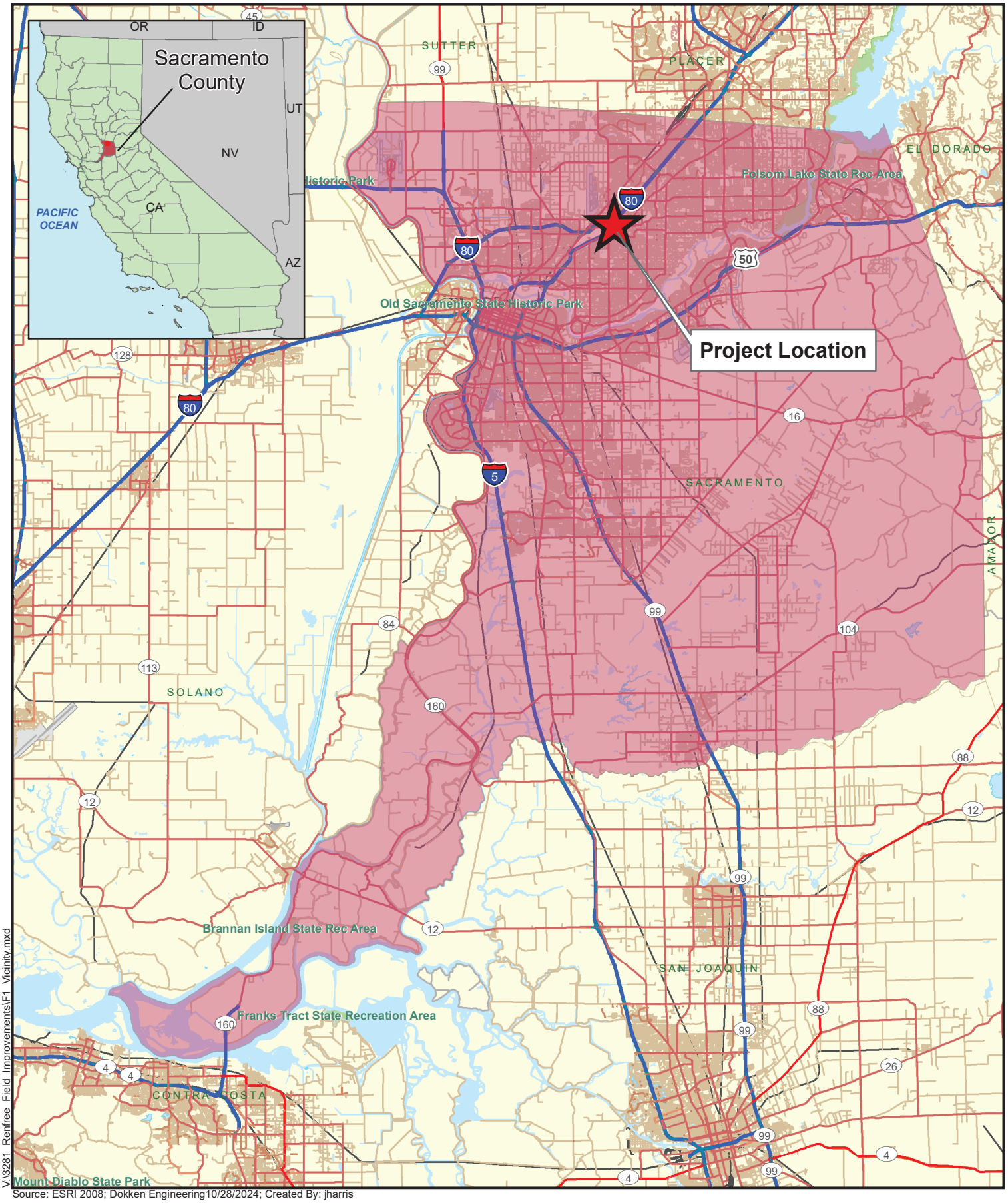
Based on the above analysis, this Addendum to the previously certified Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project has been prepared.

Attachments:

A) Project Figures
B) 2024 Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project at Del Paso Regional Park Mitigated Negative Declaration Notice of Determination (SCH #2023090065)

Attachment A

Project Figures



Source: ESRI 2008; Dokken Engineering10/28/2024; Created By: jharris

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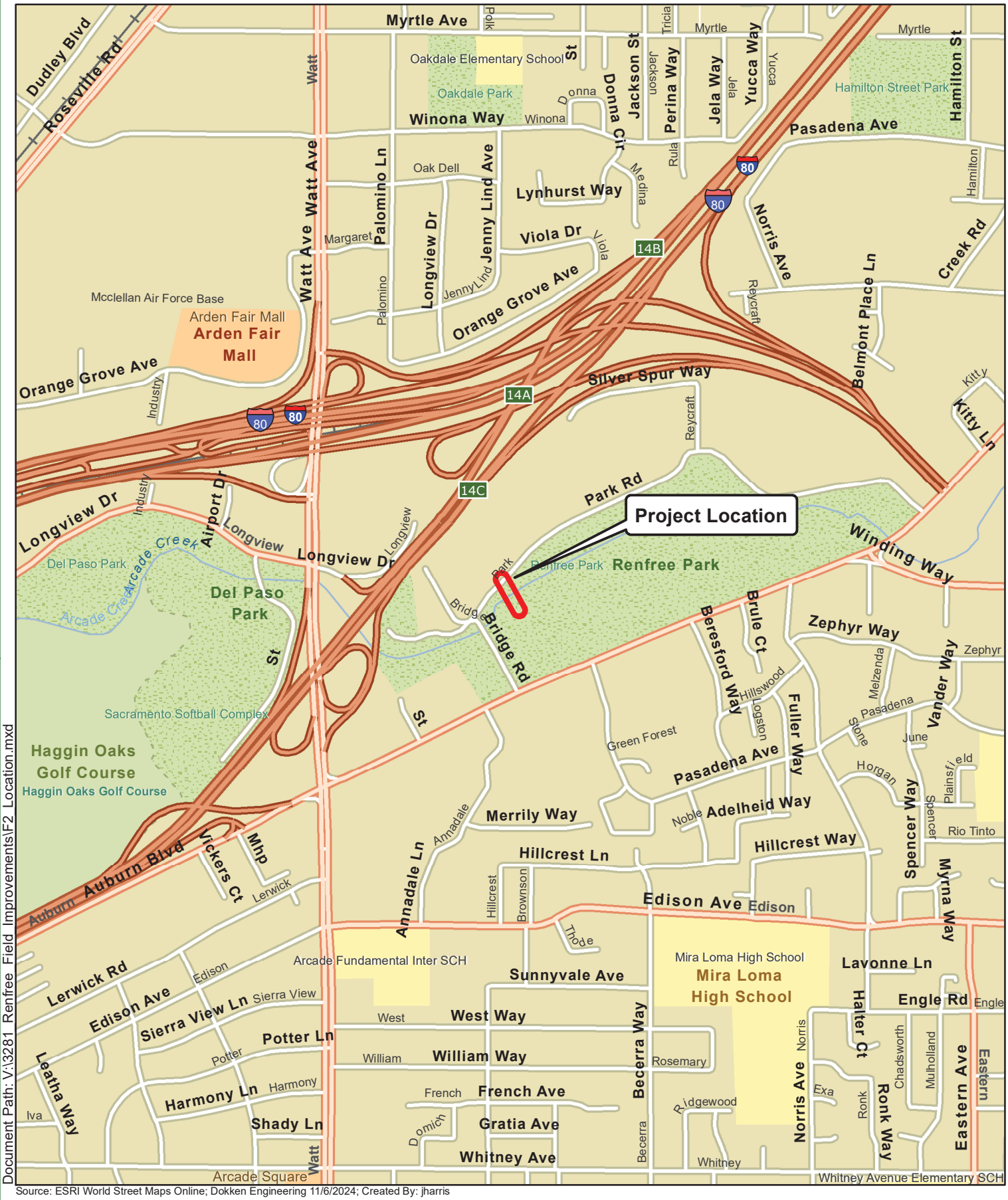
FIGURE 1
Project Vicinity

Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project
City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, California



Source: ESRI World Street Maps Online; Dokken Engineering 11/6/2024; Created By: jharris

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FIGURE 2
Project Location

Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project
City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, California

Source: ESRI Maps Online; Dokken Engineering 11/27/2024; Created By: kjacobson

1 inch = 100 feet

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Figure 3
Project Features

Renfree Field Improvements
Rio Linda, Sacramento County, California

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Attachment B

2024 Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project at Del Paso Regional Park Mitigated Negative Declaration Notice of Determination (SCH #2023090065)

The City of Sacramento Harry Renfree Field Renovations Project at Del Paso Regional Park Mitigated Negative Declaration as well as the City Council Resolutions certifying the IS/MND and adopting the required findings, can be reviewed at the offices of the Community Development Department, Planning Division, 300 Richards Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95811 during public counter hours, or on the City's website at:

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