



CITY OF LA QUINTA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of La Quinta is circulating an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for public comment.

Application: Environmental Assessment 2025-0001, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project Numbers 2021-02 and 2018-05

Location: Fritz Burns Park (78060 Avenue 52) and City Maintenance and Operations Yard (78106 Francis Hack Lane), southeast corner of Avenue 52 and Avenida Bermudas.

Project Title: Fritz Burns Park and City Maintenance and Operations Yard Improvements Project

Project Description: The City of La Quinta (City) proposes improvements to the existing Fritz Burns Park ("Park") and City of La Quinta's Maintenance and Operations Yard ("M&O Yard"). The Park improvements would affect 4.04 acres and occur over three phases and include; demolition and removal of some landscaping, concrete/asphalt, various park equipment, and the existing dog park; playground and park structure improvements; parking and access improvements; swimming pool enhancements including a new splash pad activity pool; pathway and pedestrian feature improvements; and lighting and landscaping improvements. Improvements at the M&O Yard would affect 2.82 acres and include; demolition and removal of the three existing buildings (maintenance, shop and storage, and administration buildings); a new 12,380 SF M&O building; redesign of parking areas and pathways; new pedestrian and vehicular access points; dedicated materials storage area; and updated utilities and drainage. The proposed improvements aim to enhance the functionality, safety, and aesthetic appeal of Fritz Burns Park, ensuring it continues to meet the needs of the community as a vibrant recreational space, and to upgrade and modernize the M&O facilities while improving site circulation.

Findings/Determination: The City has conducted an environmental review of the above-described project pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. The project, as mitigated, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and as such, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended for staff approval.

Public Review Period: A 20-day public review period for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on May 27, 2025, and end on June 16, 2025, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received within the public review period. You may contact project manager Ubaldo Ayon at (760) 777-7051 with questions and send written comments by email to UAyon@LaQuintaCA.gov or by mail to 78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, CA 92253.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review on the City's website at <https://www.laquintaca.gov/our-city/city-departments/design-and-development/capital-improvement-program-cip>
