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SCH #

Project Title: Nature Park Master Plan

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City: Tehachapi — Zip: 93561 — County: Kern

Project Location: County: unincorporated Kern County — City/Nearest Community: Tehachapi
Cross Streets: — Zip Code:
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 09 ′ 07.39 ″ N / 118 ° 29 ′ 06.81 ″ W Total Acres:
Assessor's Parcel No.: see attached Project Description — Section: — Twp.: — Range: — Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: — Waterways:
Airports: — Railways: — Schools:

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR — NEPA: ☐ NOI — Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☒ Other: Nature Park Master Plan

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units ____ Acres ____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Educational:
☐ Recreational:
☐ Water Facilities: Type ____ MGD ____
☐ Transportation: Type
☐ Mining: Mineral
☐ Power: Type ____ MW
☐ Waste Treatment: Type ____ MGD
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type
☒ Other: Nature Park Master Plan

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☐ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☐ Recreation/Parks ☐ Vegetation
☐ Agricultural Land ☐ Flood Plain/Flooding ☐ Schools/Universities ☐ Water Quality
☐ Air Quality ☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☐ Septic Systems ☐ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☐ Geologic/Seismic ☐ Sewer Capacity ☐ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☐ Minerals ☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☐ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone ☐ Noise ☐ Solid Waste ☐ Land Use
☐ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Population/Housing Balance ☐ Toxic/Hazardous ☐ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☐ Public Services/Facilities ☐ Traffic/Circulation ☒ Other: Tribal Cultural

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

See attached Project Description

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

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	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
X	Caltrans District # 6		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X	Regional WQCB # 5
	Caltrans Planning		Resources Agency
	Central Valley Flood Protection Board		Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy		S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
	Coastal Commission		San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
	Colorado River Board		San Joaquin River Conservancy
	Conservation, Department of		Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
	Corrections, Department of		State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of	X	SWRCB: Water Quality
	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Water Rights
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	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	X	Water Resources, Department of
	General Services, Department of		
	Health Services, Department of		Other:
	Housing & Community Development		Other:
X	Native American Heritage Commission		

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date August 19, 2025 Ending Date September 19, 2025

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** 8/14/25

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Project Location

The Project is located in Unincorporated Kern County, California, approximately 70 miles north of Los Angeles and 30 miles southeast of Bakersfield The centroid of the Project site is 35° 09' 07.39" N, 118° 29' 06.81" W. The Project site is located approximately on the following Assessor's Parcel Numbers listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Project Assessor's Parcel Numbers

Project Assessor's Parcel Numbers	
223-020-35	270-010-35
223-020-36	270-010-36
223-030-14	270-010-37
223-030-15	270-010-38

General Plan Designation and Zoning

Table 2: General Plan Designation and Zoning

Project Area	General Plan Designation	Zoning District
ONSITE	Parks and Recreation Resource Reserve General Commercial	RF (Recreation Forestry) R-2 PD (Medium Density Residential, Precise Development Combining) C-2 PD SC (General Commercial, Precise Development Combining, Scenic Corridor Combining) A-1 (Exclusive Agricultural)
ADJACENT LANDS	Parks and Recreation Resource Reserve General Commercial	E-1/4 RS (Estate 0.25 Acres, Residential Suburban Combining R-1 (Low Density Residential) A-1 (Exclusive Agricultural)

Description of the Project

Project Background and Purpose

The community of Golden Hills lies in the unincorporated area of Kern County bordering the growing city of Tehachapi to the east. The community provides an abundance of open space and natural environments for its residents to enjoy. The Project site presently contains the Golden Hills Nature Park (Nature Park), with only passive uses currently provided. The Nature Park, formerly known and used as the Golden Hills Country Club (GHCC), was purchased by the District in 2014 and has been maintained since. Prior to the purchase, the property was not used or maintained since the early 1990s. Since 2014, the District has formed committees and held public workshops focused on gathering and organizing the public's ideas as to what the property could become. The Nature Park is currently being used by regional residents for walking, running, bicycling, horseback riding, and bird watching. The site has seen minor improvements such as the installation of picnic and park benches, informational signage, and stormwater drain rehabilitation and debris removal. The Golden Hills Nature Park Master Plan has been developed over the course of the years since property purchase and this document would be another step towards providing additional recreation activities envisioned to benefit more residents of the Golden Hills community.

Project Description

The District proposes to adopt and carry out the Nature Park Master Plan, which seeks to develop the existing passive Golden Hills Nature Park, formerly known as the GHCC. Proposed development would include a new District office, community center, maintenance building, and outdoor

recreational facilities. The overall footprint for the three buildings listed above are described below, and would be built in the first phase:

- 9,300 square feet District office
- 19,000 square feet community center
- 9,500 square foot maintenance building

Recreational facilities would be built out in approximately five phases, with each phase described below:

- Phase 1
    - Approximately 2-acre Passive Area Parking Lot and approximately 5,000 square foot Pavilion, located at the northeast corner of Westwood Boulevard and Woodford-Tehachapi Road.
    - Approximately 2 miles of horse trails, connecting to the parking lot and through the Nature Park property.
- Phase 2
    - Approximately 5,600 square foot pavilion and 9-hole disc golf course near Bald Mountain Drive.
- Phase 3
    - 0.67-acre Dog Park.
    - Two multi-use courts.
    - 2,500 square foot pavilion.
    - 3,000 square foot playground area.
- Phase 4
    - Two multi-use fields on approximately 8.1 acres.
- Phase 5
    - Access roads connecting the Passive Area Parking Lot from Phase 1 to 3.

Construction Schedule

Construction would take place daily from 6:00am to 9:00pm on weekdays and 8:00am to 9:00pm on weekends, per the permitted construction times in Kern County. As mentioned, construction would be completed in five phases.

Equipment

Construction equipment would likely include the following equipment listed in Table Error**! No text of specified style in document.**-3 below.

Table Error! No text of specified style in document.-3: Anticipated Construction Equipment

Anticipated Construction Equipment	
Excavators	Compactors
Graders	Bulldozer
Skid steers	Large tractor and large discing unit
Loaders	Water trucks supplying water for dust control and conditioning soil for compaction
Hauling trucks	Large watercannon and hoses
Scrapers	

Operation and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance (O&M) of the park area would be handled by the District. O&M would include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Mowing – Mowing each side of trail where applicable.
- Pruning - Prune woody limbs and shrubs near sides of trail.
- Removal of Trees/Limbs - Evaluation/removal of unhealthy or dead trees and limbs. Fallen trees may remain as access control and to minimize disturbance.
- Signage - Maintain directional and informational signs.
- Trail Surface – Restore, regrade, clean and/or resurface when necessary.
- Drainage Structures - Clean inlets, keep swales clear of debris.
- Litter Pick Up - Trailside-litter pickup. Access area litter pickup. Encourage continued user "carry-in, carry-out" policy.
- Trash Collection - Removal of trash from receptacles at access areas.
- Bridge and structure Inspection - Maintenance of bridge, overlook and trailhead structures to ensure structural integrity and public safety.
- Lighting – maintain functional safety lighting (replace luminaires, repair outages)
- Landscape irrigation