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**Project Title:** Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Hillside Trails Project

Lead Agency: County of Mariposa Contact Person: Ben Goger, Senior Community Design and Development Planner  
 Mailing Address: 5100 Bullion Street Phone: (209) 966-5151  
 City: Mariposa Zip: 95338 County: Mariposa

**Project Location:** County: Mariposa City/Nearest Community: unincorporated community of Mariposa  
 Cross Streets: Southwest of SR 140 and southeast of SR 140 Zip Code: 95338

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 25 ' 51.68 " N / 119 ° 58 ' 15.87 " W Total Acres: 235 acres  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: 22,23,26 Twp.: 05S Range: 18E Base: MDMB  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 140 Waterways: Mariposa Creek  
 Airports: NA Railways: NA Schools: NA

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint 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: Recreational Trail

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: Recreational Trail  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tribal Cultural Resources</u> |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

See attached Project Description

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

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

Starting Date August 28, 2025 Ending Date September 26, 2025

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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# Project Description

## Project Background

### Project Title

Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Hillside Trails Project

### Lead Agency Name and Address

Mariposa County  
Planning Department  
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Mariposa, CA 95338

### Contact Person and Phone Number

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(559) 449-2700

### Project Location

The proposed trail project is located within the unincorporated community of Mariposa in Mariposa County, California, approximately 110 miles southeast of Sacramento and 150 miles northwest of Bakersfield. The centroid of the Project site is .37° 28' 51.68" W, 119° 58' 15.87" W.

### General Plan Designation and Zoning

Table 1: General Plan Land Use Designation and Zoning District

| Project Area          | General Plan Designation   | Zoning District   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| <b>ONSITE</b>         | Mariposa Town Planning Area Town Plan - Expanded Mariposa Town Planning Area | MHZ: Mountain Home<br>SR-20: Scenic Resources-20 acres<br>SR: Scenic Resources - - 5 acres<br>P/Q-P: Public/Quasi Public  |
| <b>ADJACENT LANDS</b> | Mariposa Town Planning Area Town Plan - Expanded Mariposa Town Planning Area | GC: General Commercial<br>MHZ: Mountain Home<br>MFR: Multi-Family Residential<br>SR-20: Scenic Resources-20 acres<br>SR: Scenic Resources – 5 acres<br>P/Q-P: Public/Quasi Public<br>SFR-9K: Single Family Residential, 9,000 square feet |

## Description of the Project

### *Project Background and Purpose*

The Mariposa Town Planning Area (TPA) Town Plan identifies the Mariposa Creek Parkway as a priority project with multiple social, economic, and environmental benefits. The Mariposa TPA Town Plan states the following:

"The Park will provide a pedestrian and bicyclist corridor...wide enough for two-way traffic...for walkers, joggers, or bicyclists...will tie together a number of tourist facilities and destinations...residents near the park will also use the creek trail."

Since it was first described in the Mariposa TPA Town Plan, a creek parkway trail system has been further recommended and refined in a range of other collaborative planning and design processes, highlighted by the Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan. Funded by a grant from Caltrans, the County began work on the master plan in 2018. The master plan process relied on extensive community engagement to develop a comprehensive vision for the creek corridor, and to define priority actions for implementing that vision. On January 28, 2020, the Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan was adopted.

Though the Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan focuses its attention on the creek corridor, the proposed Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Hillside Trails Project ("Hillside Trails Project") focuses on the hillside on the west side of the creek corridor. Although the proposed Project is not specifically called out in the master plan, the hillside trails would extend the existing creek parkway trail system, provide a connection to the Phase III segment of the Creek Parkway and Highway 140/Martin Road, and increase recreational opportunities for local residents and visitors alike.

The conceptual design has been developed with a significant amount of community input and guidance on aesthetics, recreational features, and ecological performance.

The Project would achieve the following objectives:

1. Promote health, wellness, and trail stewardship by creating a catalytic trails project for Mariposa County.
2. Consider multiple functions for sustainable trails relating to restoration and wildfire resiliency.
3. Provide a range of trail types from ADA accessible to more challenging trails that cater to both the local population and visitors alike.
4. Bring trail users to a variety of destinations and trail routes to encourage trail users to return again and again.
5. Plan for a hierarchy of trailheads within the system while promoting the use of active transportation to access the site.
6. Expand the reach of the Mariposa Creek Parkway and its trailheads.
7. Provide outdoor education and environmental values.

### *Project Description*

The Hillside Trails Project proposes to construct approximately 12.3 miles of nature trails branching off the planned Phase III section of the Mariposa Creek Parkway Trail. The total Project area consists of approximately 235 acres. Trail widths would vary from two to eight feet. The intent of the proposed project is to bring a balance of recreation, adventure and tranquility to the area. The new trails would be divided into four different segments based on their location and intended purpose. These lengths are an estimate and include the following:

### **Front-Country Trails**

- 0.8- and 1.6-mile stacked loops from the Mariposa Creek Parkway
- Trail running grades 5-7%

### **Destination Trails**

- 1.6-mile trail from Mariposa Creek Parkway up to overlook
- 2.8-mile trail from Mariposa Creek Parkway up to highpoint of the site
- Trail running grade 5-8%
- Opportunity for more technically challenging trails

### **Oak Woodland Trails**

- 1.6-mile woodland loop from proposed trailhead
- 0.7-mile trail from proposed trailhead up to high point of the site
- Trail running grades <5%
- Opportunity for more accessible trails

### **Park Trails**

- 2.5-mile loop option from the County Park
- 1.9-mile trail from County Park to overlook
- Trail running grade 4-8%

### **Trail Amenities and Features**

The proposed Project would include various amenities and features within the trail system. They are anticipated to include the following if possible:

- Shaded benches
- Scenic viewpoints
- Restrooms with drinking fountains
- Ecological restoration areas
- Educational signage
- Pet facilities (i.e., waste bags and waterspouts)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible routes
- Bike racks, repair, and wash station
- Isolated meditation areas
- Swing benches
- Large gathering spaces with table seating
- Exercise stations
- Outdoor classroom
- Bike jumps
- Bird blinds
- Hitching post
- Parking
- Conservation zones

The proposed trail Project also includes management and maintenance strategies that are proposed in the Mariposa Forest Management Plan, including the use of herbicide, cultural and prescribed burning, and prescribed grazing to control invasive vegetation as well as irrigation to support any plantings of native vegetation.

### **Trail Uses**

The Project is expected to encourage the following uses:

- Hiking
- Scenic viewing
- Mountain biking
- Picnicking
- Dog walking
- Learning
- Bird watching
- Group gatherings
- Trail running
- Meditating or Meditation
- Horseback riding

### **ZONE AMENDMENT**

The Project would also require a zone amendment for the Project parcels that are currently not zoned Public Quasi-Public.

### *Construction Schedule*

While construction funding or schedule is not identified, construction of the Hillside Trails Project is anticipated to generally occur between the months of April and October, outside of the rainy season.

### *Operation and Maintenance*

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the Project would be handled by the Mariposa County Public Works Department, Road and/or Parks and Recreation Divisions. O&M would include 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.
- 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.
- Lighting – maintain functional safety lighting (replace luminaires, repair outages)
- Restroom – cleaning of restroom and pumping of vault

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