



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROGRAMMATIC MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA), acting as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is circulating an Initial Study (IS) and Programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) with the intent to adopt the IS/MND for the following project:

Project Name: COSCA Invasive Plant Management Plan

Project Location: COSCA Managed Open Space Lands in Thousand Oaks, CA

Project Applicant: Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA)

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Project Description: The COSCA Invasive Plant Management Plan (IPMP) has been prepared to guide and assist COSCA land managers in carrying out invasive plant management activities as part of fulfilling the agency's commitment to protect and enhance natural resources. This IPMP will address the management of invasive plant species on 13,000 acres under COSCA ownership and management, and open space lands owned by the Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD) (Figure 1). Guidance presented in this IPMP will facilitate strategic control of invasive plants and ensure that available financial resources are utilized when and where they will yield optimal value for the recovery and enhancement of native plant communities and wildlife habitats.

The IPMP describes existing conditions in the Plan area, identifies target invasive plant species to be controlled, and establishes treatment priorities. It also describes management goals and methods, infestation prevention and management strategies, monitoring and reporting protocols, adaptive management techniques, and best management practices to avoid environmental impacts.

Environmental Effects: The IS/MND includes a comprehensive evaluation of the potential impacts for this project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines and describes potentially significant impacts to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, Wildfire, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels and are to be included in a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan. All other resource areas found to have no impact or to be less than significant are also described in the IS/MND.

Public Review Period: The IS/MND will be circulated for 30-days for public review. Comments on the MND must be received between Wednesday, January 21, 2026, and Friday, February 20, 2026. Written comments must be submitted by **5:00p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2026**, to: Brian Stark at the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, 2100 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362, or email comments to BStark@toaks.gov.

Availability of Environmental Documentation: The IS/MND may be viewed on the web at: <https://conejoopenspace.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Draft-ISMND-COSCA-IPMP.pdf>. The Invasive Species Management Plan may be viewed on the web at https://conejoopenspace.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/COSCA-IPMP_2026_FINAL-1.pdf.

Printed copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available at the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency Offices located at 2100 East Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks, California 91362.

Public Hearing: The date, time, and place of a future public hearings will be appropriately notified per City and CEQA requirements.

Signature: 
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Figure 1. Project Area Map

