



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATES POSTED

FROM: 3-25-2024

TO: 4-24-2024

MERCED COUNTY CLERK

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DATE: March 24, 2026

TO: County Clerk, State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Persons, and Property Owners within 300 Feet of Project Site

FROM: Juan Bravo, Project Manager
Department of Public Works
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(209) 385-7426

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt Initial Study/ Negative Declaration for the Santa Nella Park

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Merced intent to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) and supporting Initial Study (IS) for the Santa Nella Park, described below, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

LEAD AGENCY: County of Merced, Department of Public Works
345 West 7th Street, Merced, CA 95341

CONTACT PERSON: Juan Bravo, Project Manager
Juan.Bravo@countyofmerced.com

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & LOCATION: The County proposes to develop a new public park on a 2.96-acre parcel located the northwest corner of Luis Avenue and Vera Cruz Drive in the unincorporated Santa Nella area of Merced County. The project site is identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 373-010-045.

Physical improvements include grading 2.96 acres and installing and constructing various park amenities including play areas, a full and half multipurpose sport courts, picnic areas, shade structures, game tables, exercise equipment, and restrooms. Other improvements include the construction of a parking lot and the installation of trees, hardscape and impermeable surfaces as well as turfing and landscaped area, curb, gutter, sidewalks, and a stormwater retention area. The conceptual plan was prepared by an engineering and architectural firm with input obtained from a series of community outreach efforts.

Two driveways would be constructed along Luis Avenue to provide vehicular access to the park and parking lot. Pedestrian entrances would be available throughout the park, including one on Vera Cruz Drive, Luis Avenue, and the corner of Vera Cruz Drive and Luis Avenue.

Water service would be provided by Santa Nella County Water District, and an on-site septic system would be installed for wastewater management.

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENTS: March 25, 2026 to April 24, 2026

The IS/ND is being circulated for a 30-day public review and comment period. Any written comments on the IS/MND must be received at the above address or above email no later than 5:00 PM on the end date of the public review period.

Copies of the IS/MND are available to review at the above address Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM and on the County's website at www.countyofmerced.com/414/Environmental-Documents.

The Merced County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the ND at a future date to be determined. This meeting will be separately noticed when the date and time are determined.

2026-EIR-042

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March 25, 2026

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COUNTY CLERK

By Ralph W. Lee

Deputy Clerk



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
24-03/25/2026-0042

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/25/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MERCED COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-EIR-042	

PROJECT TITLE
SANTA NELLA PARK

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME JUAN BRAVO	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 385-7601
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 345 WEST 7TH ST	CITY MERCED	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95341

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,227.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 3,043.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,437.25 \$ _____

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ _____
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other **TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ 0.00**

SIGNATURE X <i>Ralph Williams</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Ralph Williams Deputy Clerk
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