City of Pico Rivera

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

From: City of Pico Rivera

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Rio Hondo Park Project

The City of Pico Rivera ("City") is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project identified above. The City has prepared an Initial Study to determine the environmental effects of the proposed project and finds that issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of CEQA environmental review.

AGENCIES: The City requests that your agency review the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15086(a).

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The City requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

Project Title: Rio Hondo Park Project

Project Description: The City of Pico Rivera (City) is processing a request to implement a series of discretionary actions that would ultimately allow for improvements to the existing Rio Hondo Park with various new park structures and features. The new construction would include replacing the softball/baseball and soccer fields, a shaded plaza, a picnic shelter, walking and exercise paths, and various additional features and amenities. It would also include the repair and/or renovation of the basketball courts, concession and restroom building, parking lot repair and restriping, as well as removal of the existing handball courts. The proposed project is located at 8421 San Luis Potosi Place (APNs 6347-015-903 and 6347-016-910). The project site is surrounded by rural residences to the north, east, and south. The project site is currently zoned Open Space (O-S). The General Plan land use designation is currently Park/Open Space (P-OS). The Park/Open Space land use designation of Pico Rivera has allowable uses of recreational facilities, preservation of environmental resources, managed production of resources, and protection of the public health and safety. The most prevalent public open space uses are City parks. It is also the intent of this designation to include uses, such as utility corridors, that serve as interim and permanent open space. Only uses consistent with the open space purposes of lands designated Park/Open Space are appropriate, subject to the applicable General Plan policies and zoning ordinance provisions.

Project Location: 8421 San Luis Potosi Place, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Significant Environmental Effects: The IS/MND concludes that no significant unavoidable environmental effects would occur as a result of the proposed project. Potentially significant impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and mandatory findings of significance would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Public Review Period/Responses and Comments: The IS/MND will be available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. The City will accept responses and comments for 30 days, from **July 08, 2026 to August 06, 2026**. All comments must be submitted in writing, either in a letter or email. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses or comments to:

City of Pico Rivera
Attn: Nadia Carrasco, Project Manager
6615 Passons Boulevard
Pico Rivera, CA 90660
Email: ncarrasco@pico-rivera.org

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: This IS/MND and associated materials are available for review during regular business hours at the following location:

City of Pico Rivera, Department of Parks and Recreation
6615 Passons Boulevard
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The document is available online on the City's website at: https://www.pico-rivera.org/public-hearing-notices-reports/