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CITY OF PALO ALTO

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, as amended to date, this notice is to advise you that the City of Palo Alto has prepared an Initial Study on the following project to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project identified below. The Initial Study concludes that the project described below would not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore, the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the City's intent to adopt a MND for the project, and to provide an opportunity for public comments on the draft MND/Initial Study.

TO: AGENCIES, ORGANIZATION, + INTERESTED PARTIES	The City of Palo Alto requests comments and concerns from agencies, organizations and interested parties regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.
PROJECT TITLE	Arastradero Creek Restoration and Pipeline Relocation
PROJECT APPLICANT	City of Palo Alto 1007 Elwell Court Palo Alto, CA 94303
PROJECT LOCATION	Arastradero Creek Assessor's Parcel Numbers 182-33-018, 182-35-035, and 182-35-041 Palo Alto, CA 94303 (Santa Clara County)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	In March 2023, the City was informed of an exposed eight-inch diameter steel gas pipeline in the Arastradero Creek in the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve. The City received approval from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under an emergency permit to conduct a temporary creek stabilization project to protect the gas pipeline from damage caused by future storms. As part of the project, the City installed a combination of cobbles and boulder revetments in the eroded channel bed to protect the gas pipeline and prevent the upstream potable water transmission and sewer pipelines from being exposed. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) is requiring the City to address a six-foot headcut that resulted in the need for the emergency repair and remove all temporary fill placed under the USACE emergency

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permit. Therefore, the purpose of the Project is to comply with the RWQCB's permit conditions by restoring a portion of Arastradero Creek and relocating the existing water and wastewater utilities in Arastradero Trail and the gas utility further underneath the creek. In addition, downstream of the emergency repair would be treated with woody material to encourage natural processes to deposit sediment, widen the incised sections of creek, and prevent further potential for headcut formation. The Project also proposes minor grading to Arastradero Trail, which runs along the left bank of the creek, to return functionality to an existing culvert, reducing sedimentation into the creek, and improve trail conditions.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

This NOI and the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review and comment pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072. The comment period begins on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026** and ends on **Friday, August 21, 2026**. This NOI and the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the City of Palo Alto Development Center located at 285 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (open 8:30am-4:30pm, closed for lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm) or online at www.paloalto.gov/Departments/Utilities/Utilities-Services-Safety/Utilities-Projects/Arastradero-Creek-Rehabilitation-Project

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Commission is anticipated to consider the project as part of its regularly scheduled meeting on July 28, 2026. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and will be held at the City of Palo Alto Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 250 Hamilton Avenue, and hybrid via Zoom. The meeting agenda will be posted to the City's Parks and Recreation Commission's website. Interested parties should check the agenda on the City's website to confirm the meeting time, date, Zoom link, and location: Meeting Agendas and Minutes – City of Palo Alto, CA

COMMENTS

Please send comments by mail or email, before 5:00 PM on August 21, 2026, to:

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