



City of Whittier

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, a Draft Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program has been prepared for the project listed below. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review for a 30-day review period beginning Thursday, October 20, 2022, and ending Friday, November 18, 2022, in the Public Works Department, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the City's website at www.cityofwhittier.org.

Project Title: Murphy Ranch Little League Baseball Field Lighting Project

Project Location: The project site is located at 7550 Colima Road on City-owned property in the city of Whittier, within Los Angeles County, California.

Project Summary: The project proposes to install 11 galvanized steel poles with lights ranging in height from 60-feet to 80-feet to light the two baseball fields to allow evening baseball practice and games. The holes for the 60-foot tall steel light poles would be 30" in diameter and 10 feet deep and the holes for the 80-foot tall steel light poles would be 42" in diameter and 20 feet deep. Trenching would also be required to install underground wiring from the electrical panel behind the baseball fields to the light poles.

Tribal Cultural Resources: In accordance with Assembly Bill 52, Tribal letters were mailed by the City of Whittier to nine tribes and formally invited consultation with the City in compliance with California Public Resources Code §21080.3.1. At the end of the required 30-day period the City received a tribal request for consultation from the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation. As requested, the City consulted with the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation in compliance with California Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not located on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65952.5.

Public Hearing: The City of Whittier may consider the Murphy Ranch Little League Baseball Field Lighting Project at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Please refer to the December 13, 2022 Agenda at www.cityofwhittier.org for the most recent public comment and viewing options. For further information, contact the City Clerk Department at (562) 567-9850 or ccd@cityofwhittier.org.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing(s); or, may be heard at the time and place noted above. All comments must be received prior to, or at the time of the public hearing(s). All such comments will be submitted to the City Council and the City Council will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project.

If this project is challenged in court, the issues may be limited to those raised at the public hearing, described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of public hearings and comments, the City Council may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

Contact Person: For questions concerning this project, please contact Alfredo Hernandez at (562) 567-9500. Written comments may be submitted to PubWks@cityofwhittier.org.

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