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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
ALISO CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(W.O. 1907295)**

State Clearinghouse No. (SCH#): Pending Assignment by OPR

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has prepared an Initial Study for the project described below. Under CEQA, the City identified no significant impacts and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Los Angeles proposes to construct a 7-acre equestrian day-use and park facility at a former, privately-owned equestrian site within Aliso Canyon Park. Aliso Canyon Park is an existing, undeveloped City park, covering approximately 60 acres in area. The project includes a parking area for (6) equestrian trailers and (24) passenger vehicles, along with a (220-foot by 110-ft) riding ring, a small (27-foot long by 5-row) bleacher, meadow areas, walking paths, and a bio-swale, as well as picnic areas with both covered and uncovered tables (Figure1). A modular restroom is included in the base project description. Amenities further include bike racks, as well as horse waterers, hitching posts, split rail fencing, and landscaping with California native plant species. Moreover, the access road will be demolished and re-graded to meet a 10:1 slope. A potential (1,800 square-foot) community building with necessary utilities has been discussed as a possible, future addition to the site. Although a future community building has been proposed, no funding has been allocated, and there are no immediate plans for its construction. The building is discussed here as a potential future development, but is not included in the Initial Study as part of this project. Two potential crossings over Aliso Canyon Creek the creek (one for equestrians and one for pedestrians and cyclists) are being considered. The equestrian bridge would span a distance of about 60 feet, and be located at an existing wet crossing, while the pedestrian bridge would span a distance of about 50 feet, and be located about 600 feet to the south and opposite from the equestrian parking area. Both bridges would provide access to an existing horse/pedestrian trail that follows along the western bank of Aliso Creek. The trail extends into upper Aliso Canyon. Construction is anticipated to begin in June of 2011 and be completed in November of 2011.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project will be located in Aliso Canyon, at 18041 Rinaldi Street, between Hesperia and Chimineas Avenues, in the Community of Granada Hills.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The proposed Hansen Dam Ranger Station and Trail Improvements Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be circulated for a 30-day public review period, beginning on July 29, 2010 and ending on August 27, 2010. Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

Granada Hills Branch
10640 Petit Avenue
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 368-5687

Porter Ranch Branch Library
11371 Tampa Avenue
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
(818) 360-5706

A copy of the document may also be obtained by calling William Jones of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5760, by visiting the office address listed below, or by viewing the Bureau of Engineering website, <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/>. All comments must be submitted in writing no later than 3:00 p.m. on **August 27, 2010**, by mailing to: William Jones (william.jones@lacity.org)

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Thank you for your interest.

