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**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: August 21, 2018

Subject

Adopt a Resolution Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the McClellan Ranch West Parking Lot Improvement project and Approving the Project

Recommended action

Staff recommends that The City Council adopt a resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the McClellan Ranch West Parking Lot Improvement project; and approving the project.

Description

The McClellan Ranch West Parking Lot Improvement project will provide a new, “green”, all-weather, meadow-style parking lot that is compatible with the creek environment and designed to have minimal impact to the site.

The project proposes to construct a 27-space main parking area with an opportunity to build a 20-space overflow parking area in the future, should the need arise. The main parking area will be paved with permeable concrete and the future overflow parking area will be covered with gravel. The main and overflow parking areas will be constructed on approximately 0.53 acres of the 1.4 acre project site, with the remaining areas dedicated for restoration planting. The main parking area will be open daily to staff and visitors to accommodate normal public hours for the creek corridor and the Preserve. The existing driveway onto McClellan Road will provide access to the site.

Discussion

The McClellan Ranch West site, where the Simms House was located, has been used informally for staff and overflow parking without a suitable, stable surface. During the rainy season, the site turns muddy and is unusable. The opening of the Environmental Educational Center in 2015 has increased the parking demand at McClellan Ranch Preserve. The removal of the Simms House in 2016 advances the option to provide the additional parking that is needed by providing a suitable parking surface.

In June 2018, an Initial Study (IS) with Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared. The MND, attached, lists specific mitigation measures, which includes conducting an employee education program, installation of Environmentally Sensitive Area fencing along the creek bank and enforcement of a five mile per hour speed limit within the project area.

The IS with MND was publicly circulated for 30 days beginning on June 8, 2018 and ending on July 9, 2018. Comments were submitted by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and the County of Santa Clara Roads and Transportation Department. The comments and City responses are attached and do not require recirculation.

On July 5, 2018, the Environmental Review Committee (ERC) conducted a public hearing and formally reviewed the MND. The ERC recommended approval of the MND for the project.

Sustainability Impact

None

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2018-2019 CIP Budget for the McClellan Ranch West Parking Lot Improvement project (budget unit 420-99-030) is adequate to implement the project. No additional appropriation is needed.

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Approved for submission by: Amy Chan, Interim City Manager

Attachments:

A- Draft Resolution

B- Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration for the McClellan Ranch West Parking Lot Improvement Project

C- Comment Letters on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration