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July 21, 2023

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Spane Park Stormwater Capture Project

Dear Adjacent Resident, Landowner, or Interested Party:

The City of Paramount (City), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared and plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Spane Park Stormwater Capture Project (project). The City is hereby notifying agencies and members of the public that may be interested in the project as to the availability of the Draft MND, and the procedures for public review and comment on the document.

Project Location: The project is located within Spane Park, a recreation facility owned and maintained by the City that is located east of Gundry Avenue and south of Rosecrans Avenue.

Project Description: The project entails constructing and operating a stormwater capture and filtration facility within the central portion of the park, as well as other ancillary park improvements. The stormwater capture and filtration facility would intercept stormwater and dry-weather flow from a storm drain beneath Rosecrans Avenue and convey flows into an underground reservoir beneath the proposed soccer field for infiltration into the groundwater basin. An outflow pipe would be installed to convey excess water from the reservoir during heavy storms when all the water is not able to infiltrate. The water would pass through a filtration system before discharging back into the existing storm drain channel. Additional Park improvements would include installing a soccer field, reconstructing the basketball courts and restroom building, reconfiguring the parking lot, and revitalizing of the pond and stream feature.

Environmental Effects: The MND identifies potentially significant impacts with respect to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and hazards and hazardous materials. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project that either avoid the project's impacts or reduce them to less-than-significant levels.

Availability of Document: A draft of the MND is being made available for public review commencing on July 21, 2023, and ending on August 9, 2023. The MND and supporting appendices are available for review at the City of Paramount's website:

<https://www.paramountcity.com/government/planning-department/planning-division/environmental-documents>

Comments: The City will be accepting written comments on the MND for consideration prior to adoption of the document. **Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2023,** and can be submitted by mail to:

City of Paramount
16400 Colorado Drive
Paramount, CA 90723
Attn: John Carver

Comments will also be accepted by email to John Carver at jcarver@paramountcity.com. Please include **“Spane Park Stormwater Capture Project MND Comments”** in the **email subject line**.

Public Hearing: The Paramount City Council will hear public comments on the MND and consider adoption of the MND at their meeting on August 22, 2023.