

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: South Oxnard Aquatics Center

Lead Agency: City of Oxnard
Public Works Department
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Purpose of the Notice

The purpose of this Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is to inform agencies and interested parties that, in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15070 the City of Oxnard has prepared an Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the proposed South Oxnard Aquatics Center. This NOI provides information about the proposed project and instructions for reviewing and submitting comments on the IS-MND.

Project Location

The 7.93-acre project site is located at 3250 South Rose Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 224-0-012-285) in Oxnard, California. The project site is located in the southeast corner of College Park, approximately 340 feet south of Oxnard Boulevard. Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines requires an NOI to disclose if a project site appears on the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project site is not on a list of hazardous material sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Project Description

The South Oxnard Aquatics Center project ("proposed project") would include construction of a 57,233 square foot outdoor pool area that would be operated 50 weeks out of the year, seven days per week. The outdoor pool area would have four pool areas totaling 23,571 square feet, one slide area totaling 822 square feet, a one-story "L" shaped building totaling 18,342 square feet, a 103-stall parking lot, and ancillary facilities. Pool areas would consist of a 50-meter competition pool, 25-yard instructional pool, splash pad, recreation pool, and slide area. The one-story building would frame the western and northern sides of the pool deck and would be used to house locker rooms, administrative space, utility rooms, a concession stand, and other ancillary facilities. The proposed project includes construction of a natural gas line that would connect to the southwest corner of the proposed aquatics center, run west along the southern portion of College Park's one-lane ring road, and connect to an existing SoCalGas line in South Rose Avenue.

In accordance with Section 15070 of the California Code of Regulations, the Public Works Department of the City of Oxnard has determined that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment, and that an MND may be adopted. Therefore, the City proposes to adopt an MND in order to meet its obligation under CEQA. Prior to taking final action on the proposed MND, the City will consider public comments on the IS-MND.

Providing Comments and Review Period

The IS/MND is available at the City's Community Development Department located at 214 S. C Street, Oxnard, California, 93030 and at the Oxnard Public Library, 251 South "A" Street. The document is also available at www.oxnard.org/planning, then "Environmental Notices & Documents" and then "Environmental Document Archives" (on the left side of the page) to select and view the draft document or go to the following <https://www.oxnard.org/city-department/community-development/planning/environmental-documents/>.

The public comment period is from **Monday, November 13, 2023**, to **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**. All comments on the IS-MND must be submitted in writing and received by **5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2023**. Comments provided will be considered by the decision-making body in accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15074(b).

Please send all comments by either: 1) U.S. mail; or 2) electronic mail (email) to:

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For comments submitted via email, please include "IS-MND Comments: South Oxnard Aquatics Center" in the subject line and the name of the commenter in the body of the email.

A public hearing date has not been determined for this proposed project. The date, time, and place of future public hearings will be appropriately notified per City and CEQA requirements.