



TRANSMITTAL NO. 2

MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM

*(Accompanies the Aliso Canyon Park Improvements Project
Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND))*

ALISO CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

(W.O. E 1907295)

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The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies to adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes to the project that have been adopted to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6). The program must be adopted by the public agency at the time findings are made regarding the project. The State CEQA Guidelines allow public agencies to choose whether its program will monitor mitigation, report on mitigation, or both (14 CCR Section 15097(c)). This mitigation monitoring program contains the elements required by CEQA for the project.

Project Description

The Aliso Canyon Park Improvements project for which this mitigation monitoring program has been developed may be generally described as follows:

The project is to be located in Aliso Canyon, at 18041 Rinaldi Street, between Hesperia and Chimineas Avenues, in the southern Santa Susana Mountains. The project site lies within the Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Planning District of the City of Los Angeles General Plan. The plan designated land use for this parcel and adjacent parcels to the east of Hesperia Avenue is Very Low Density Residential (RA), while the parcels to the west of Hesperia Avenue are designated as Public Open Space (OS) (Figure 4 – Zoning Map). The site lies within a City-designated scenic corridor. The project site is on land, recently acquired by the by the City of Los Angeles for public uses, including park and recreational purposes.

The City proposes to construct a 7-acre equestrian day-use and park facility at a former, privately-owned equestrian site within Aliso Canyon Park in the Community of Porter Ranch (Figure 3). Located on Rinaldi Street, between Hesperia and Chimineas Avenues, 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 a bike rack, 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.

Aliso Canyon Creek is an ephemeral stream that supports riparian woodland vegetation. Two potential crossings over the creek (one for equestrians and one for pedestrians) 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

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2011. Once completed, the campground would be operated and maintained by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Valley Region.

Unless otherwise stated, the project will be designed, constructed and operated following all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and formally adopted City standards (e.g., *Los Angeles Municipal Code* and Bureau of Engineering *Standard Plans*). Also, it is assumed that construction will follow the uniform practices established by the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association (e.g., *Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction* and the *Work Area Traffic Control Handbook*) as specifically adapted by the City of Los Angeles (e.g., The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works *Additions and Amendments to the Standard Specifications For Public Works Construction* ("The Brown Book", formerly Standard Plan S-610)). These assumptions are inherent in the project design, construction and operation.

Mitigation Measures

The mitigation measures described in the following pages are taken from the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Responses to Comments for this project. The following are identified for each mitigation measure:

- (1) A brief description of the impact that is being mitigated (i.e., the objective of the mitigation;
- (2) Description of the mitigation measure;
- (3) The party who is responsible for the necessary implementing actions;
- (4) The necessary implementing action;
- (5) The party who is responsible for verifying that the necessary implementing action is taken; and
- (6) The primary record documenting the necessary implementing action.

The mechanisms for verifying that mitigation measures have been implemented include design drawings, construction documents intended for use by construction contractors and construction managers, field inspections, field reports, and other periodic or special reports. All records pertaining to this mitigation program will be maintained and made available for inspection by the public in accordance with the City's records management systems.

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Air Quality					
Exposure to sensitive receptors to air emissions during construction of facility and campground.	<p>AQ-01 Develop and Implement a Fugitive Dust Emission Control Plan. The project developer shall develop and implement a Fugitive Dust Emission Control Plan (FDECP) for construction work. Measures to be incorporated into the plan shall include, but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water the unpaved road access and other disturbed areas of the active construction sites at least three times per day, or apply CARB certified soil binders. • Install wheel washers/cleaners or wash the wheels of trucks and other heavy equipment where vehicles exit the site or unpaved access roads. • Increase the frequency of watering, or implement other additional fugitive dust mitigation measures, to all disturbed fugitive dust emission sources when wind speeds (as instantaneous wind gusts) exceed 25 miles per hour (mph). 	Project Engineer and Construction Contractor	Project Plans and Specifications	City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Contract Administration	Project Acceptance Report, completed by the Inspector of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel route planning shall be completed to identify required travel routes to minimize unpaved road travel to each construction site to the extent feasible. 				

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Biological Resources					
Disturbance of existing biological resources: flora, fauna, and/or habitat conditions	BIO-01 Qualified biologist(s) shall be retained to review grading and re-vegetation plans, to supervise all grading and planting, excavation, and other ground disturbing activities and to oversee all aspects of construction monitoring that pertain to biological resource protection.	Project Engineer and Construction Contractor	Project Plans and Specifications	City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Contract Administration	Project Acceptance Report, completed by the Inspector of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration.

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	<p>BR-07/ HWQ-04 To minimize potential impacts to native habitat, all project landscaping shall include native vegetation that requires minimal irrigation and safe care (e.g., no pesticides or fertilizers), designed to assist in filtration of runoff from natural and artificial sources. The latter contribution includes runoff from installation of any new impervious surfaces from the project.</p>				
	<p>BR-08 In the design, or during construction of the proposed project, no existing mature trees shall be disturbed, or removed. Tree branch/root trimming may be necessary during construction, but must be performed under the supervision of a certified arborist.</p>				
	<p>BR-12 To minimize impacts to native habitat, non-native plants - such as giant reed (<i>Arundo donax</i>), black mustard (<i>Brassica nigra</i>), and castor bean (<i>Ricinus communis</i>) - shall be removed from the project area.</p>				

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Geology and Soils					
Construction and operation activities potentially contributing to excessive runoff and soil erosion	GS-01/ HWQ-06 All facilities will be designed to accommodate the natural filtration/attenuation of runoff to the maximum extent possible—with vegetated buffers and swales—in order to prevent erosion and to preserve more stable soil conditions.	Project Engineer	Project Plans and Specifications	City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Contract Administration	Project Acceptance Report, completed by the Inspector of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration.
	GS-04 Design and construction of the proposed project should conform to recommendations in the geotechnical evaluation to minimize impacts caused by seismic activity.				

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	<p>HWQ--05 The restroom shall be designed to accommodate drainage in such a manner that water is conserved and erosion is prevented (e.g. by the use of vegetated buffers around facilities where appropriate).</p>				
	<p>HWQ-06/ GS01 All facilities will be designed to accommodate the natural filtration/attenuation of runoff to the maximum extent possible—with vegetated buffers and swales—in order to prevent erosion and to preserve more stable soil conditions.</p>				

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	<p>(mph).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel route planning shall be completed to identify required travel routes to minimize unpaved road travel to each construction site to the extent feasible. 				
	<p>AQ-02 Restrict engine idling. Diesel engine idle time shall be restricted to no more than 10 minutes duration. This is not required for trucks that require engines to be on while waiting onsite, such as concrete trucks.</p>				
	<p>AQ-03 Use on-road vehicles that meet California on-road standards. All on-road construction vehicles operating within California shall meet all applicable California on-road emission standards and shall be licensed in the State of California. This does not apply to construction worker personal vehicles.</p>				
	<p>AQ-04 Activities and operations on unpaved roads areas should be minimized to the extent feasible</p>				

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	during high wind events to minimize fugitive dust.				
	AQ-05 Unpaved areas shall be watered as needed (or other measures implemented) to control dust on a continual basis.				

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Disturbance of existing biological resources: flora, fauna, and/or habitat conditions	BIO-01 Qualified biologist(s) shall be retained to review grading and re-vegetation plans, to supervise all grading and planting, excavation, and other ground disturbing activities and to oversee all aspects of construction monitoring that pertain to biological resource protection.	Project Engineer and Construction Contractor	Project Plans and Specifications	City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Contract Administration	Project Acceptance Report, completed by the Inspector of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration.
	BR-02 Construction shall occur only during daylight hours, if possible, to minimize disturbances to any urban wildlife species that are primarily active at night.				
	BR-03 Wherever possible, construction personnel shall utilize existing access roads or previously disturbed areas to reach the project area or to stage their vehicles and equipment.				

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	<p>BR-04 The Least Bell's Vireo has a high potential to inhabit areas adjacent to the project area. Construction work within 300 ft (91.5 m) of suitable habitat for the vireo will occur outside the vireo-breeding season between March 15 and September 15. If work is necessary within 300 ft (91.5 m) of suitable vireo habitat during the breeding season, a qualified biologist shall perform weekly surveys in the area to determine whether any nesting vireos are present. The biologist must be credentialed in least Bell's vireo surveys. If no nesting activity is observed, work may continue. If a nest is present, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be notified of the location of the nest, a 300 ft (91.5 m) buffer around the nest shall be clearly demarcated, and construction in the area shall be avoided until the nest is no longer active. A project biologist with authority to stop construction shall actively monitor the site during breeding-season construction to ensure the limits of construction do not encroach into suitable vireo habitat or within 300 ft (91.5 m) of a nesting vireo.</p>				

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	<p>BR-05 Pre-construction surveys shall be performed for Federal and State-listed threatened and endangered species with the potential to be within the project area. Territories shall be delineated on aerial photographs.</p>				
	<p>BR-06 The contractor shall be prohibited from harassing, killing, collecting, or intentionally harming any species of wildlife, fish, or vertebrate.</p>				
	<p>BR-07/HWQ-04 To minimize potential impacts to native habitat, all project landscaping shall include native vegetation that requires minimal irrigation and safe care (e.g., no pesticides or fertilizers), designed to assist in filtration of runoff from natural and artificial sources. The latter contribution includes runoff from installation of new, constructed impervious surfaces from the project</p>				

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	<p>BR-08 In the design, or during construction of the proposed project, no existing mature trees shall be disturbed, or removed. Tree branch/root trimming may be necessary during construction, but must be performed under the supervision of a certified arborist.</p>				
	<p>BR-9 During construction, contractors shall keep construction and staging areas orderly, free of trash and debris. For operations, new trash receptacles shall be placed in convenient areas (with adequate signage) to prevent wildlife access and to minimize habitat contamination.</p>				

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	<p>BR-10 This mitigation ensures compliance with the <i>Migratory Bird Treaty Act</i>. Bird Nesting Survey: If any project construction activity (including staging and grading) is to be initiated during the bird breeding season (February 1 through September 15), a qualified ornithologist shall determine whether any active bird nest is within 500 feet (152.4 m) of the intended activity, no more than 30 days and no less than 7 days prior to initiation of the activity. Bird nesting surveys conducted prior to March 1 may be conducted in a manner primarily intended to identify active nests of special-status bird species (particularly raptors). All reasonable measures shall be taken to avoid construction activity within 500 feet of an active nest of a special-status bird species or within 300 feet of an active nest of any other bird species. (This measure has been broadened to include the entire project site; and provides compliance with Section 3503 and 3503.5 of the <i>California Fish and Game Code</i>.)</p>				

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	<p>BR-11 During construction, all ground disturbances, stockpiling of materials, storage of construction equipment, construction and grading activities, and vegetation removal shall be prohibited outside of the project area. In order to avoid disturbance to, or removal of, habitat, fencing and signage shall be installed to identify project limits and to prohibit activities within the adjacent riparian woodland area during all grading and construction activities</p>				
	<p>BR-12 To minimize impacts to native habitat, non-native plants - such as giant reed (<i>Arundo donax</i>), black mustard (<i>Brassica nigra</i>), and castor bean (<i>Ricinus communis</i>) - shall be removed from the project area.</p>				

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	<p>BR-13 Prior to the start of any project activities, a preconstruction survey should be performed for bat species. If no bat roosts are found, no further avoidance measures or mitigation are recommended. If roosting bats are found, the roost site shall be marked by the qualified biologist with a "no work" buffer. The size of the buffer shall be determined by the qualified biologist and shall be dependent on the species but may be up to 50 feet. A biological monitor shall be present to determine that roosting bats are not disturbed by construction activities.</p>				
	<p>BR-14 Trenches deeper than 5 feet shall be covered or filled in at the end of the work day to avoid entrapment of fauna, including special-status species.</p>				

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	<p>BR-15 Prior to ground disturbance activities, the biological monitor shall provide construction personnel with instructional materials on sensitive plant and animal species. Information should include photographs of special-status species that may potentially occur in the study area, required mitigation measures to avoid impacts on the special-status species, and penalties for non-compliance with biological mitigation requirements. The training shall be provided to all construction workers before construction begins and to new construction personnel as necessary. The training shall be provided by a qualified biologist familiar with the sensitive species that may occur in the project area. Written materials shall be language-appropriate for the construction personnel.</p>				

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	BR-16 Prior to initiation of ground disturbing activities, the construction-impact area shall be clearly flagged. No disturbance to adjacent coastal sage scrub or riparian woodland communities shall occur outside the flagged disturbance area.				

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Cultural Resources					
Disturbance of existing cultural resources	CR-01 A qualified archeologist who meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for an Archeologist (see 36 CFR Part 61) shall monitor any earthmoving that will involve previously undisturbed soil. Earthmoving includes grubbing and ground clearing, grading, and excavation activities.	Project Engineer and Construction Contractor	Project Plans and Specifications	City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Contract Administration	Project Acceptance Report, completed by the Inspector of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration.

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	<p>CR-02 In the event that archaeological resources are unearthed during project construction, all earth disturbing work shall be temporarily suspended within the project's archaeological area of potential effect (APE) until a qualified archaeologist has evaluated the nature and significance of the find. As deemed necessary by the project archaeologist, a Tongva/Gabrielino representative should monitor any mitigation excavation associated with Native American materials. After the find has been appropriately mitigated, work in the area may resume. If human remains are unearthed, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 require that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the remains are determined to be of Native American descent, the coroner has 24 hours to notify the Native American Heritage Commission.</p>				

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Construction and operation activities potentially contributing to excessive runoff and soil erosion	GS-02 . During construction, erosion and siltation may impact adjacent wetland areas. Appropriate Best Management Practices shall be utilized to minimize such impacts.	Project Engineer and Construction Contractor	Project Plans and Specifications	City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Contract Administration	Project Acceptance Report, completed by the Inspector of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration.
	GS-03 During the rainy season, the project construction shall cease during rain events.				
	GS-04 Design and construction of the proposed project should conform to recommendations in the geotechnical evaluation to minimize impacts caused by seismic activity.				

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Hydrology and Water Quality					
Water usage in drought-prone area and potential runoff into riparian habitat	<p>HWQ-01 The construction contractor shall obtain a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) construction storm water permit.</p>	Project Engineer and Construction Contractor	Project Plans and Specifications	City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Contract Administration	Project Acceptance Report, completed by the Inspector of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration.
	<p>HWQ-02 The construction contractor shall prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to reduce the potential for accidental release of fuels, pesticides, and other materials. The construction contractor shall submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the California Water Resources Board in Sacramento. The SWPPP would be reviewed and approved by the Corps team members, including ERB and Engineering. This plan shall include the designation of refueling locations, emergency response procedures, and definition of reporting requirements for any spill that occurs. Equipment for immediate cleanup will be kept at the staging area for immediate use. This plan shall also include pesticide application activities such as storage, handling of herbicides, and application methods.</p>				

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	<p>HWQ-03 Construction contractors shall use Best Management Practices to prevent erosion and sedimentation to avoid significant adverse impacts to surface water quality.</p>				

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Noise					
Noises generated during construction	<p>N-01 Construction activities shall comply with local ordinances. Any nighttime or weekend construction activities shall be coordinated with local ordinances and shall require the construction contractor to obtain a noise permit.</p>	Department of Recreation and Parks Staff.	Department Policies	City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks	Noise Control Policy, completed and adopted by the Recreation and Parks Commission, and filed with the Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group.
	<p>N-02 Surrounding residents shall be notified of the project construction.</p>				

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	<p>N-03 All equipment used during construction shall be muffled and maintained in good operating condition. All internal combustion engine driven equipment shall be fitted with well-maintained mufflers in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.</p>				

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With Implementation of these mitigation measures, the proposed project will not have any significant impacts on the environment.