



City of Anaheim

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Parks Division

DATE: February 13, 2014
TO: Public Agencies and Interested Parties
FROM: City of Anaheim
SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report No. 2014-00349 for the Ball Road Basin Park Project and Notice of Scoping Meeting

The City of Anaheim will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the Ball Road Basin Park project. The City requests your input regarding the scope and content of the environmental information. For Responsible Agencies, the City requests that you provided input which is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

Project Location: The Ball Road Basin Park Project site encompasses approximately 19.5 acres in the southeastern portion of the City of Anaheim. The project site is bound by Ball Road to the north, South Phoenix Club Drive to the west, Santa Ana River to the east, and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the south. The project site is primarily accessed from Phoenix Club Drive, with regional access from State Route 57 (SR-57).

Project Description (Project No. DEV2014-00007): The proposed Ball Road Basin Park project (proposed project) includes the development of the approximately 19.5-acre site as an active park with lighted playing fields and a stadium with associated parking and concession areas. The project site currently exists as the Ball Road Basin, a recharge basin which has an approximately 220-acre-foot holding capacity and captures overflow from the adjacent Burris Recharge Basin and storm water runoff from the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) facilities. As part of the proposed project, the basin would be filled with engineered soil and the City would develop a park facility to serve City residents with the ability to remain open 24-hours a day. The project site is currently designated as Open Space in the City General Plan and is zoned as "T" Transitional and "I" Industrial. The project site also includes a Flood Hazard Zone Overlay, known as a Floodplain (FP) Overlay Zone in the City of Anaheim Zoning Code. As part of the project, the City proposes a General Plan Amendment (Case No. GPA2014-00491) to designate the project site as Parks and a Zoning Reclassification to rezone the project site to "PR" Public Recreation (Case No. RCL2014-00261). Approval of the proposed project will require amendments to the Anaheim General Plan and Zoning Map.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15063(a), the City of Anaheim determined that an EIR would be required for the proposed project. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(s), "If the lead agency can determine that an EIR will be clearly required for a project, the agency may skip further initial review of the project and begin work directly on the EIR process...in the absence of an initial study, the lead agency shall still focus the EIR on the significant effects of the project and indicate briefly its reasons for determining that other effects would not be significant or potentially significant." Additionally, as stated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, if a lead agency can determine that an EIR will clearly be required for the project, an Initial Study is not required. In accordance with these CEQA Guidelines sections, the City has prepared this Notice of Preparation for the proposed project without an

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accompanying Initial Study. The City will instead substantiate the elimination of a number of topical areas in the Introduction section of the EIR (including Agriculture/Forestry Resources and Mineral Resources), while analyzing the following topics in detail in the respective sections of the EIR:

Aesthetics	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Population/Housing
Air Quality	Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Public Services
Biological Resources	Hydrology/Water Quality	Recreation
Cultural Resources	Land Use/Planning	Transportation/Traffic
Geology/Soils	Noise	Utilities/Service Systems

Responses: The City of Anaheim invites you to submit written comments describing your specific environmental concerns about the proposed project. Please send your written comments to the City of Anaheim at the address below at the earliest possible date. In accordance with the time limits set by State law, all written comments must be received by March 17 at 4:30 pm. Responses may also be submitted via mail, hand delivery or email.

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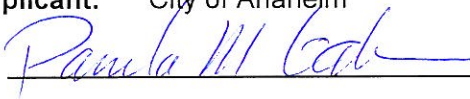
Scoping Meeting: The City of Anaheim will hold a public scoping meeting at 5:30 PM on Monday, March 3, 2014 in the Sunkist Branch Library, 901 South Sunkist, Anaheim, California.

Questions: Please contact Pamela Galera, Principal Project Planner, at (714) 765-4463 or pgalera@anaheim.net.

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Project Applicant: City of Anaheim

Signature:



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