



Notice of Public Hearing

Hearing Officer

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit #6222 3420, 3500, 4401 and 4500 Arroyo Seco Road

Zoning: OS (Open Space) and PD-16 Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Employee Parking)

General Plan Designation: Open Space

Project Description: The applicant, City of Pasadena, Water and Power Department, has submitted a Conditional Use Permit application to allow the repair and replacement of facilities within the Arroyo Seco Canyon Area that were damaged or destroyed by Station Fire-related events of 2009. The improvements will also allow the increased utilization of surface water rights held by the City, and will improve water quality in the canyon; improve biological habitats; restore hydrological function and fish passage; and improve ecosystem health through the following enhancements:

1) Naturalize the Arroyo Seco streambed; 2) Remove exposed portions of existing infrastructure designed for sediment removal; 3) Restore and improve the intake facilities; 4) Expand recharge operations by creating additional spreading basins; 5) Reduced barriers to fish passage; 6) Enhance recreational facilities; 7) Build a new restroom facility; and 8) Improve stormwater quality through a smaller decomposed granite parking lot.

A Conditional Use Permit is required for any recreational improvements within the OS Zoning District. In addition to the improvements, a total of 17 protected trees are proposed to be removed in order to accommodate the proposed improvements.

Environmental Determination: An Initial Environmental Study has been prepared for the project by BonTerra Psomas in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study was available for public review and comment from October 9, 2014 through November 8, 2014. The Initial Study determined there could be significant impacts related to Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Transportation, Biological Resources, and Recreation but through the incorporation of mitigation measures, these impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels. Impacts to all other study areas were found to be less than significant. A Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program have therefore been prepared for the project. A copy of the Initial Study and related documents are available for public viewing at the Permit Center or on the Web at http://cityofpasadena.net/Planning/Environmental_Notices.

Hazardous Material Sites: The project site is not listed on a hazardous material list pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hearing Officer will hold a public hearing on the proposed Conditional Use Permit application. The meeting is scheduled on:

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Permit Center Hearing Room
175 North Garfield Avenue
(Enter at the Ramona Street Side Entrance)

Subsequent public hearings, if required, may be held by the City of Pasadena (lead agency) to consider additional discretionary approvals required for the project (e.g., overall project approval and allocation of City funds, Design Review Approval, easement-related approvals, etc.). Such subsequent public hearings have not been scheduled to date.

Comments: Any interested party or their representative may appear at the meeting and provide oral and/or written comments on the project. Comments on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration may be received in writing and orally at the Hearing Officer Meeting considering this document. Written comments should be sent to Jose Daniel Jimenez at the contact information noted below. If you wish to challenge the environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising those issues that you or someone else raised at any public hearing or meeting where this document was considered or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Public Information and Availability of Environmental Documentation: The Initial Study, proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and supporting documents may be viewed on the City of Pasadena website at: http://cityofpasadena.net/Planning/Environmental_Notices.

The project's file and environmental documents are also available during regular business hours at the City of Pasadena, Planning Department, 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91101 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

For project information and the related environmental documentation or to schedule an appointment:

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Planning Division, Current Planning
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