

CITY OF PASADENA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT TITLE: Pasadena Urban Wildlife Management Plan
APPLICANT NAME: City of Pasadena
PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: The Proposed Project applies citywide within the City of Pasadena (Los Angeles County) and would encompass all areas within the City limits
ZONING DISTRICT: Various
GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Various

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Pasadena Public Health Department is proposing to adopt a plan providing guidance for City staff in addressing wildlife concerns within the City. The proposed Pasadena Urban Wildlife Management Plan (Plan) describes the following three-pronged strategy for managing wildlife within City boundaries: 1) public education designed around co-existence with wildlife; 2) enforcement of laws and regulations prohibiting the feeding of wildlife; and 3) ensuring public safety by implementing appropriate, tiered responses to coyotes and human interactions. The first two components of the Plan (i.e., education and law enforcement) address black bears, cougars (i.e., mountain lions), coyotes, and other mammals (e.g., opossums, racoons, skunks, bobcats, and bats) frequently found around the City. Through the education component of the plan, the City would provide members of the community with information about decreasing attractants around properties, increasing pet safety, creating reasonable expectations of appropriate wildlife behavior, and reshaping wildlife behavior (i.e., hazing). Through the enforcement component of the Plan, the City would provide the public with information about current State and local laws that address problem wildlife, as well as which entity would be enforcing these laws in the City. The third component of the Plan would provide a transparent, tiered response describing how the City would respond to different scenarios of human and coyote interactions. The City's responses would range from providing information to residents about hazing to trapping and removing aggressive or habituated coyotes.

APPROVALS NEEDED: A draft of the Plan is scheduled to be presented to the Public Safety Committee of the Pasadena City Council in their regular meeting of June 19, 2019, which begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Pasadena City Hall Council Chamber – S249 (100 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101). The Committee would have the opportunity to suggest changes to the document. Once the Committee recommends approval of the Plan, it will be presented to the Pasadena City Council for approval, which is tentatively scheduled to occur during the regular meeting of the City Council on July 22, 2019, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pasadena City Hall Council Chamber – S249 (100 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101).

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: An Initial Study was prepared and concluded that the Proposed Project could not have a significant effect on the environment, and, therefore, a Negative Declaration has been prepared.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Comments on the Initial Study may be received in writing between May 13, 2019 and June 03, 2019. Written comments should be sent to [Rachel Janbek, Environmental Health Services Division Manager, 1845 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103](mailto:RJanbek@cityofpasadena.net) or to RJanbek@cityofpasadena.net. If you wish to challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised through the public comment period described above. The Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration may be viewed on the City's environmental notices webpage at ww5.cityofpasadena.net/planning/category/environmental-notices/. The documents are also available during regular business hours at the City of Pasadena Environmental Health Services Division, 1845 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103, and at the Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut Avenue, Pasadena CA 91101.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: In accordance with Section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Draft Initial Study found that there are two sites within the City of Pasadena listed the State of California Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List published by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, both of which are not on City-owned land. Trapping of coyotes would only occur on public land, unless the City is provided permission to trap on private property. Trap setting would involve placing cages directly on the ground surface, resulting in no ground disturbance. As such, trapping activities would not disturb any existing hazardous material below the ground surface. Therefore, the proposed project would not involve ground disturbance on any site listed on any Hazardous Materials or waste databases pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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