



CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)/NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Richard T. Steed Memorial Park and Baron Von Willard Dog Park – Master Plan Update

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, City Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed park Master Plan Update project.

Project Title: Richard T. Steed Memorial Park and Baron Von Willard Dog Park – Master Plan Update

Project No.: PN-13703

Project Location: 247 Avenida La Pata, San Clemente, CA

Project Description: The City of San Clemente is processing a Master Plan Update for the Richard T. Steed Memorial Park and Baron Von Willard Dog Park (proposed project). New features within the park would include a mountain bike hub enlargement; new, relocated dog parks; skateboard hub; pickleball court complex; multipurpose sport field; flex space; scenic overlook and trellis; and added parking, as well as improvements to existing park facilities.

The Original Master Plan for the Richard T. Steed Memorial Park was approved by City Council in April 2003. At that time, the existing uses included a four-field softball complex; skate park; play areas; parking and internal circulation; and vegetation. The current park was developed in six phases encompassing approximately 31 acres, and included lighted softball fields, batting cages, food concession and related facilities, a skateboard park with concession building, sand volleyball courts (construction was not completed) and a children's play area, restroom buildings, a parking lot and a private easement and several SDGE utility easements.

The existing park site is located southwest of the Intersection of La Pata and Calle Extremo, and consists of 44 acres, including undeveloped park property of approximately 13 acres.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The proposed project application, plans, environmental documentation, technical studies, and other related information may be reviewed at the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Department web page at www.san-clemente.org/parkplans and at San Clemente Community Center Recreation Division located at 100 N. Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672, during general public business hours.

You may request a copy of the above-described items and draft decision. This can be either mailed, or emailed to you by calling Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director, (949) 429-8875, WylieS@san-clemente.org. Staff will also make themselves available via phone to go over any questions and/or concerns that you may have with the proposed project.

The comment period for the IS/MND begins on **March 8, 2023**, and closes on **April 10, 2023, at 5:00 PM**. Please submit comments to:

City of San Clemente, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Department
Attn: Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director
100 N. Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672
E: WylieS@san-clemente.org

Intent to Consider Adoption of MND: At a future meeting, the Planning Department of the City of San Clemente will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be noticed separately.