



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt the Whitmore Park Track and Sports Field Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and Response to Comments and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)

This serves as the Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) Notice of Intent to adopt an IS/MND and Response to Comments and MMRP for the Whitmore Park Track and Sports Field Project, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), State CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

PROJECT TITLE: Whitmore Park Track and Sports Field Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is within the Whitmore Regional Park located at 575 Benton Crossing Road in Mono County, California (Assessor Parcel Number 060-080-002).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project includes the construction and operation of a high-performance, all-weather track and field facility and associated amenities, including a concessions building, terraced seating, a covered pavilion, walkways and plaza, fitness trails, workout stations, landscaping, and surface parking. The track is proposed to be a nine lane polyurethane track with a synthetic infield that would accommodate soccer, football, and other athletic field events. Access to the Project site would occur along a looped driveway with parking areas off Benton Crossing Road. Existing disturbed areas on the Project site are proposed for overflow parking areas, which are not proposed to be paved. Down-directed and shielded lighting for the track and field as well as the paved parking areas is proposed. Drainage, grading, wastewater, and other utility improvements are proposed to serve the Project. The Project also includes the Town amending or executing a new lease with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to reflect the proposed Project.

The Project is proposed to be constructed in three phases; the first phase would be the development of the track and field, terraced seating, some fitness trails, and fencing. The first phase would be completed in approximately three months and is anticipated to start construction in Spring/Summer 2012. Phases two and three include the remaining Project components and would be constructed as funding becomes available.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Town of Mammoth Lakes proposes to adopt an IS/MND and Response to Comments and MMRP for the above-cited project. The MND is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the project's potential significant adverse impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level. The reasons to support such a finding are documented in the IS/MND prepared by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and supporting materials, available for review at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Community Development Department, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, CA, and on-line at <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=363>. For questions or additional information please contact:

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PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of the IS/MND and Response to Comments and MMRP is scheduled with the Town of Mammoth Lakes Planning Commission on **Wednesday, October 26, 2011**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.**, and continuing until finished, at the **Town Council Chambers, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road in Mammoth Lakes, California.**

All persons having an interest in the proposed adoption request may appear before the Planning Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing.