

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) has prepared an Initial Study with the intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Proposed Florin Creek Multi-Use Basin Project (Project). The Project is proposed to be located in an unincorporated portion of Sacramento County west of State Route (SR) 99 in and adjacent to Florin Creek Park, which is, in general, bordered by Orange Avenue to the north, Persimmon Avenue to the east, homes on Circle Parkway to the west, and Florin Creek to the south. The Project would be constructed on land that is currently part of the Southgate Recreation and Park District (Park District), private undeveloped land that may be acquired by SAFCA, and public land.

Florin Creek is a tributary to Morrison Creek that traverses the City of Sacramento and unincorporated Sacramento County. It floods out of bank in moderate floods (more frequent than the 100-year event), placing people and property at risk and requiring the owners of 450 structures to carry flood insurance. In combination with the US Army Corps of Engineers South Sacramento Streams Group Project, the Project would provide flood protection for these structures downstream of the Project site. The Project includes construction and operation of a weir along the bank of Florin Creek and two detention basins with a maximum depth of about eight feet below current ground elevation with a total flood storage volume of approximately 32.5 acre-feet. The detention would store stormwater flows from Florin Creek during the 25-year to 100-year storm events. Because the Park District will work with SAFCA as a project partner, the Project would improve recreation and public access. The Project site would encompass approximately 16 acres for the multi-use basin portion and approximately 4 acres of construction staging and soil disposal areas.

Flood easements would be created over the Project site that would allow the construction and operation of the Project. The Project would not disturb the existing Community Center at the northeastern corner of the existing park site and would avoid major infrastructure. Copies of the Initial Study can be viewed at SAFCA's offices at 1007 7th Street, Sacramento, California from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or online at http://www.safca.org/Programs_SoSacStreams.html. The 30-day comment period on the Initial Study starts on March 12, 2014 and ends on April 10, 2014. The Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered for adoption by the SAFCA Board of Directors at its regularly-scheduled meeting at 3:00 p.m. on April 17, 2014 to be held at the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chambers, located at 700 H Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. Comments on the Initial Study can be directed to Pete Ghelfi at the SAFCA address listed above.