

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency: Town of Atherton
Project Title: Cartan Field Stormwater Capture Project
Project Location: Cartan Field, Menlo College and Menlo School, (30 Alejandra Avenue)
Atherton, CA, 94027
Project Proponent: Town of Atherton

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The Town of Atherton (Town) has prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) finding that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect, because design features, best management practices, and mitigation measures incorporated into the project will avoid potentially significant impacts. The Town is the Lead Agency and proponent for the project. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, the Town will provide this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Notice of Intent) to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and the San Mateo County Clerk. The Town will provide this Notice of Intent to the public by mailing it to the name and address of all organizations and individuals who have requested such notice in writing and local agencies with interest in the project.

Project Description: The Town of Atherton (Town) prepared a Drainage Study Update (2015) which identified the need for a stormwater detention/storage facility to reduce flooding associated with Atherton Channel. Additionally, the Town is required to comply with the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) conditions issued by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board for storm water quality. The MRP requires all permittees to implement green infrastructure improvements to reduce the amount of mercury and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) in stormwater discharges to the San Francisco Bay.

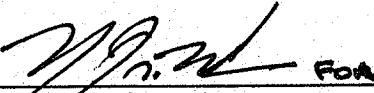
The Town retained engineers to design a stormwater capture facility that would help alleviate local and downstream flooding through stormwater detention and meet MRP pollutant reductions by capturing and filtering dry-weather and a portion of wet weather flows.

The project proposes to install a stormwater capture facility at Cartan Field, a joint use athletic facility owned by Menlo College and Menlo School, located at 30 Alejandra Avenue, in Atherton, California. The facility would include a diversion structure within Atherton Channel to re-direct all dry-weather urban runoff and a portion of wet-weather runoff through a pre-treatment device to remove trash, debris, and sediment before conveying the water into a buried multi-chambered storage facility with a storage capacity of up to nine (9) acre-feet. A pump system sends the water through a filter system to remove mercury and PCBs and then slowly returns filtered water back in to the channel downstream of the diversion structure.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence Friday, January 24, 2020 and continue through Monday, February 24, 2020. Interested individuals and public agencies may submit written comments on the document, which must be received by the Town of Atherton no later than 5:00 PM on February 24, 2020. Please send your comments to:

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Document Availability: Copies of the IS/MND and all documents referenced in the IS/MND are available for review at Town Hall, Town of Atherton, 150 Watkins Avenue, Holbrook-Palmer Park, Atherton CA, 94027. An electronic copy of the IS/MND is available to view and download on the City's website: at www.ci.atherton.ca.us.


Signature Lisa Costa Sanders

Date 1/23/2020