

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: El Dorado
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From: (Public Agency): Cameron Park Community Services District
2502 Country Club Dr
Cameron Park, CA 95682
(Address)

Project Title: Christa McAuliffe Park Sportsfield Repair and Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: Cameron Park Community Services District

Project Location - Specific:

Between U.S. Highway 50 and Merrychase Drive (38°39'23.9"N 121°00'18.5"W)

Project Location - City: Cameron Park Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project would improve turf quality and durability and field drainage conditions within the limits of the existing sportsfield. The sportsfield is a turfgrass area that is approximately 3.5 acres. The Project would involve removing the existing turfgrass, grading the soil, leveling the surface, hauling excess soil offsite, performing deep tine aeration of the subgrade soil to improve drainage, importing clean fill, amending the soil to improve turf health and durability, and then fertilizing and seeding of new turfgrass. No previously unexcavated areas would be graded and no trees would be removed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Cameron Park Community Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jill Ritzman, General Manager

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301 Existing Facilities
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the repair and maintenance of existing public facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jill Ritzman, General Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 756-3941

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: Feb 25, 2021 Title: General Manager
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Project:

Christa McAuliffe Park Sportsfield Repair and Maintenance Project

Lead Agency Name and Address:

Cameron Park Community Services District, 2502 Country Club Dr, Cameron Park, CA 95682

Contact Person and Phone number:

Jill Ritzman, General Manager, (530) 350-4651

Project Location:

The Project is located between U.S. Highway 50 and Merrychase drive within the boundary of Cameron Park Community Services District, in El Dorado County. Coordinates are 38°39'23.9"N 121°00'18.5"W.

General Plan Designation:

Christa McAuliffe Park is designated as "Public Facility" in the El Dorado County General Plan Land Use (December 2019).

Zoning:

Christa McAuliffe Park is zoned as "Residential (R1)" by the El Dorado County General Plan (December 2019).

Project Description:

The Christa McAuliffe Park Sportsfield Repair and Maintenance Project (Project) would improve turf quality and durability and field drainage conditions within the limits of the existing sportsfield. The sportsfield is a turfgrass area that is approximately 3.5 acres. The Project would involve removing the existing turfgrass, grading the soil, leveling the surface, hauling excess turfgrass offsite, performing deep tine aeration of the subgrade soil to improve drainage, importing clean fill, amending the soil to improve turf health and durability, and then fertilizing and seeding of new turfgrass. No previously unexcavated areas would be graded and no trees would be removed.

The excavated turf would be removed and stockpiled at the existing paved parking lot. Excavated material would be temporarily stored in dumpsters in the parking area and hauled off-site during the weekend to prevent potential interference and traffic safety concerns with adjacent school operations. Approximately 230 yards of new fill material consisting of compost and sand would be imported and blended onto the sportsfield. This represents approximately 20 truck trips for import of clean fill. Excavation and truck hauling of materials into the Project site would be intermittent and limited to the hours of between 7am and 5pm on weekdays only. Temporary fencing would be placed around the sportsfield and remain

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for the duration of heavy equipment operations and for four months following seeding of the field. The turfgrass area fencing would prevent public entry and the existing park amenities on the western side of the park (skate park and playground) may also be closed intermittently.

The Project heavy equipment operations would be completed in approximately 4 to 6 weeks during the months of April and May 2021.

Figure 1 shows the Project's location. Figure 2 provides a detailed location map of the proposed Project.

The existing oak knoll at the south eastern end of the parcel would be fenced off with an orange construction avoidance barrier to ensure that previously identified, sensitive cultural resources are not affected by construction equipment or other activities related to the Project.

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The Cameron Park Community Services District (CSD) has determined this Project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301 Existing Facilities. The Class 1 exemption consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination."

Exceptions to Categorical Exemptions

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2, and Public Resources Code, Section 21084, Cameron Park Community Services District has considered whether circumstances exist that would create an exception to this categorical exemption and has not found that any such circumstances exist. As a categorically exempt project, the CSD has made the following findings:

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Would the project have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive or special status species? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Would the project and successive projects of the same type in the same place result in cumulative impacts? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Are there "unusual circumstances" creating the reasonable possibility of significant effects? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Would the project result in damage to scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, or historic buildings within a state scenic highway? |

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- Is the project located on a site that the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Secretary of the Environmental Protection have identified, pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, as being affected by hazardous wastes or clean-up problems?
- Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource?

Discussion

The Project site is within a 7.1-acre community park with an existing turfgrass sportsfield approximately 3.5 acres in size. The Parkway is located within the boundaries of Cameron Park CSD. The Park is surrounded by mixed use development including low and high density residential, commercial, churches, and Camerado Springs Middle School.

There are no substantial, potentially adverse environmental impacts identified with repair and maintenance of the existing sportsfield, and there are no other known projects of the same type planned within the immediate area that would cause a cumulative impact. There are no known unusual circumstances that would create the reasonable possibility of any significant effects associated with the Project.

There is no State Scenic Highway in the vicinity of the Project. U.S. Highway 50 becomes a scenic highway 12 miles to the east of the Project. The Project would not remove any trees, and there are no historic buildings on site to be affected by Project activities. As shown by a search of the Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database, there are no hazardous waste sites within or proximate to the Project (DTSC 2021).

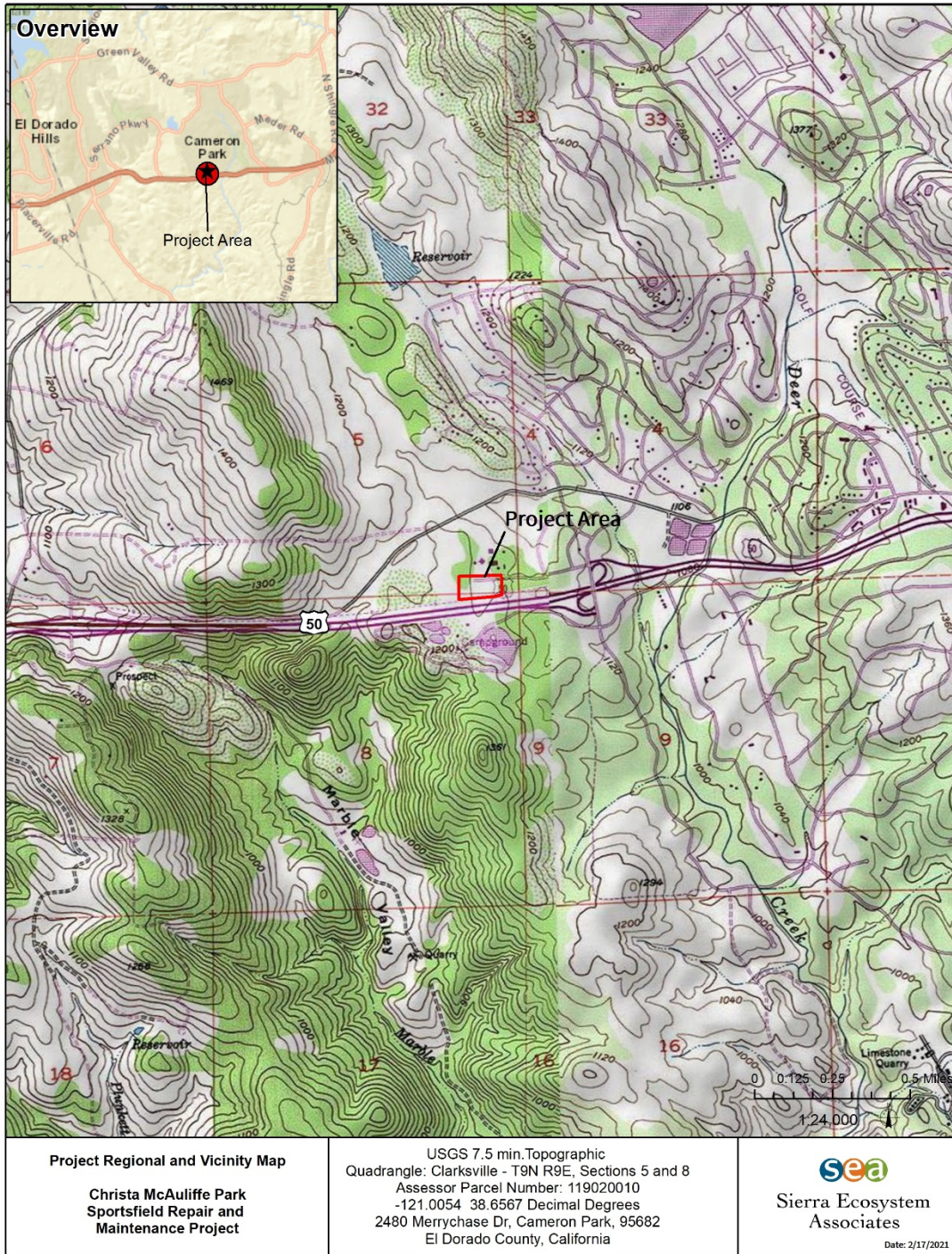
Cultural databases were searched by North Central Information Center, California State University, Sacramento, California. This included thorough record searches of the Project area and the surrounding area. The 1866 GLO plat of T9N, R9E shows evidence of a nineteenth-century "stone fence" in the parcel. A rock outcropping along with the recorded historic stone wall are located in the southeastern corner of the Project parcel, but both are greater than 50 feet from the sportsfield and would be protected during Project construction by installation of orange avoidance area fencing. In addition, the 1953 Clarksville 7.5' USGS Topographical map shows evidence of twentieth-century Lincoln Highway, now Country Club Drive, to the east of the Project parcel. The historic Lincoln Highway is located greater than 100 feet away from the Project and would not be affected by the Project.

References

DTSC, 2021. The California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor Database. Searched February 11, 2021. <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/>

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Figure 1: Project Location



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Figure 2: Project Location - Detail

