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SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of the 45-day Public Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Diamond Springs Community Park Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that El Dorado County, as Lead Agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Diamond Springs Community Park Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would develop a community park and offer various active and passive recreational amenities to the local community, nearby schools, and sports leagues. The western and central portion of the site would be graded for active uses and existing vegetation would be removed. The portion of the site east of the existing creek would not be developed. Lighting (including pole-mounted lighting in the parking lots and sports lighting of the ballfields), native and drought-tolerant landscaping, and utilities are planned.

The conceptual park design includes the following:

- Ballfields (soccer fields, softball fields);
- Basketball courts;
- Tennis/sports courts;
- Play areas (ages 2-5/5-12);
- Recreational/indoor gym;
- Pedestrian trails; and,
- Designated parking areas, restrooms/concessions, and open turf.

To maximize the centralized location and multi-use and community nature of the proposed project, the project is being designed (in coordination with the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services [OES], the Diamond Springs - El Dorado Fire Protection District, and El Dorado County Emergency Preparedness and Response) to improve County resiliency and reduce vulnerability in the event of emergencies/natural disasters (wildfire, flooding, etc.). To support this goal, the project's vehicular access, circulation, and location and capacity of utility connections have been designed to provide infrastructure sized to support emergency operations/disaster planning, including potential occupation by emergency event evacuees.

PROJECT LOCATION: The approximately 40-acre project site is located roughly 2 miles south of Highway 50 and approximately 3.8 miles southwest of the City of Placerville at 3447 Clemenger Drive, Diamond Springs, CA. The project site is directly accessible via Oak Dell Road to Highway 49. Charles F. Brown Elementary School is located immediately to the west of the project site and Union Mine High School/Pacific Crest Academy located directly southwest of the project site. The assessor's parcel numbers (APNs) for the project site include 331-301-019 (north parcel) and 331-400-002 (south parcel).

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The proposed project is not located on any hazardous waste sites lists enumerated under Section 65965.5 of the Government Code.

SIGNIFICANT ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR provides an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, and noise. These impacts would be substantially reduced or avoided with implementation of mitigation measures. The Draft EIR does not identify any significant and unavoidable environmental impacts related to the project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at the County of El Dorado, Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division 330 Fair Lane, Bldg. A Placerville, CA 95667, except on County holidays. Copies are also available at the following County libraries:

- El Dorado County Main Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667
- Cameron Park Library, 2500 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park, CA 95682
- Georgetown Library, 6680 Orleans St, Georgetown, CA 95634

The Draft EIR is also available online at:

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/Parks/diamond-springs-community-park>

PUBLIC REVIEW TIMELINE: The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR begins September 19, 2023 and ends November 2, 2023. The County must receive all written comments within this time period. Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Vickie Sanders, El Dorado County Parks Manager at the following:

Via US Postal Service:
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Comments provided via email should include "Diamond Springs Community Park Project DEIR" in the subject line and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about this project, please contact Vickie Sanders, El Dorado County Parks Manager, at Vickie.Sanders@edcgov.us, or the Parks Division line at (530) 621-6060.