



NOTICE OF INTENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Winters Community Development Department

DATE: June 27, 2007

SUBJECT: ***NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR THE WINTERS SPORTS PARK PROJECT***

Applicant:

City of Winters
Community Development Department
318 First Street
Winters, CA 95694
(530) 795-4910

Description of the Project: The City of Winters proposes the construction and operation of a sports park on approximately 22 acres of the 30-acre project site (the remainder would not be disturbed and is a closed landfill). The sports park will be a highly active facility intended to provide a venue for a variety of organized team sports. A preliminary Master Plan for the Winters Sports Park Project has been prepared, which includes three to four baseball/softball diamonds, turf fields for soccer and football, and a multiuse sports barn with lights (including basketball, indoor soccer, and street hockey), and a variety of other amenities. Installation of sports lighting will allow for extended evening operation. The sports park facility will attract participants and spectators from throughout Winters and beyond, adding local vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the project vicinity. In addition, organized sports activities will result in increased levels of noise and light.

In order to proceed with the project the following City approvals are needed:

- CEQA clearance in the form of a Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Plan.
- Master Plan for Winters Sports Park Project.

Project Location: The Winters Sports Park Project area is located in the northwest portion of the City of Winters. The 30-acre site (Assessor Parcel Number 030-210-07) is bounded by Moody Slough Road (south), County Road 88 (CR 88) (west), and open fields (north and east), in proximity to Niemann Street.

Environmental Determination: Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Comments on the Negative Declaration: The City requests your written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration during a **30-day review period** which begins **Wednesday, June 27, 2007** and ends **Monday, July 27, 2007**. All comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., July 27, 2007. Postmarks are not accepted. Comments should be directed to Dan Sokolow, Community Development Director, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and action on the project (Master Plan for Winters Sport Park Project) on **Tuesday, August 7, 2007 before the City Council**. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of City Hall at 318 First Street, Winters, California.

The City Council will hold one or more hearings to receive testimony and take final action on the project.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at (530) 795-4910. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable accommodations to assure accessibility at the meeting. The Winters City Council Chambers is handicapped accessible.

The City does not transcribe its hearings. If you wish to obtain a verbatim record of the proceedings, you must arrange for attendance by a court reporter or for some other means of recordation. Such arrangements will be at your sole expense.

If you wish to challenge the action taken on this matter in court, the challenge may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council prior to the public hearing.

Availability of Documents: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review at the Community Development Department, Winters City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694. A copy of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available also on the City's website (www.cityofwinters.org) under the Community Development Department tab (Reports & Publications option).

For more information regarding this project, please contact Dan Sokolow at (530) 795-4910, extension 114.