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(L19136000)

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November 25, 2008

TO: Interested Persons

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/INTENT TO APPROVE - DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR THE MCCLATCHY PARK CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN**

The City of Sacramento, Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services has completed preparation of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the **McClatchy Park Conceptual Master Plan** project. Mitigation measures were identified for Hazards and Cultural Resources. The document is now available for a 30-day public review and comment period. The comment period is from **Monday, November 25, 2008** through, **Tuesday, December 24, 2008**. You may review a copy of the document at the 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor reception desk, Sacramento, CA 95811 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m, Monday through Friday.

The proposed project includes the following activities:

- demolition and removal of existing clubhouse,
- construction of a new clubhouse with approximately 2,500 square feet (to include a youth room, library, tech room, activity room and indoor restroom);
- demolition and removal of the existing pavilion and construction of a new stage/amphitheater with approximately 2,500 square feet (to include changing rooms and prop rooms);
- construction of a new multi-use common area, expanded pool area amenities, expanded playground area, and a new restroom/concession building (approximately 1,000 square feet); and
- installation of new park lighting, new walkways, refurbished sports fields, expanded parking, a jogging trail around the periphery of the park, a skate park and a small dog park.

The project site includes Assessor's Parcel Number 013-025-1002-0000.

Written comments regarding the Draft Negative Declaration should be received by the Development Services Department, **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m., December 24, 2008**. Written comments should be submitted to:

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If you have any questions concerning the environmental review process, please call Kristin Ford, Assistant Planner at (916) 808-8419. If you have questions regarding the project, please contact Steven A. Giguere, Landscape Architect at (916) 808-8354.

Thank you.

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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Sacramento, California, a municipal corporation, does hereby prepare, declare, and publish this Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following described project:

McClatchy Park Conceptual Master Plan

The proposed project includes the following activities:

- demolition and removal of existing clubhouse,
- construction of a new clubhouse with approximately 2,500 square feet (to include a youth room, library, tech room, activity room and indoor restroom);
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- construction of a new multi-use common area, expanded pool area amenities, expanded playground area, and a new restroom/concession building (approximately 1,000 square feet); and
- installation of new park lighting, new walkways, refurbished sports fields, expanded parking, a jogging trail around the periphery of the park, a skate park and a small dog park.

The Lead Agency is the City of Sacramento. The City of Sacramento, Development Services Department, has reviewed the proposed project and, on the basis of the whole record before it, has determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project, with mitigation measures as identified in the attached Initial Study, will have a significant effect on the environment. This Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis. An Environmental Impact Report is not required pursuant to the Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Sections 21000, et seq., Public Resources Code of the State of California).

This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations), the Sacramento Local Environmental Regulations (Resolution 91-892) adopted by the City of Sacramento, and the Sacramento City Code.

A copy of this document and all supportive documentation may be reviewed or obtained at the City of Sacramento, Development Services Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95811. The public counter is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; Monday through Friday.

Environmental Services Manager, City of Sacramento,
California, a municipal corporation

By: _____

MCCLATCHY PARK CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This Initial Study has been prepared by the Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services, 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95811, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Section 15000 of the California Code of Regulations), the Sacramento Local Environmental Regulations (Resolution 91-892) adopted by the City of Sacramento, and the Sacramento City Code.

This Initial Study is organized into the following sections:

SECTION I. - BACKGROUND: Provides summary background information about the project name, location, applicant, when the Initial Study was completed, and a project introduction. (Page 3)

SECTION II. - PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Includes a detailed description of the Proposed Project. (Page 5)

SECTION III. - ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST AND DISCUSSION: Contains the Environmental Checklist form together with a discussion of the checklist questions. The Checklist Form is used to determine the following for the proposed project: 1) "Potentially Significant Impacts" that may not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level with the inclusion of mitigation measures, 2) "Potentially Significant Impacts Unless Mitigated" which could be mitigated with incorporation of mitigation measures, and 3) "Less-than-significant Impacts" which would be less than significant and do not require the implementation of mitigation measures. (Page 7)

SECTION IV. - ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: Identifies which environmental factors were determined to have either a "Potentially Significant Impact" or "Potentially Significant Impacts Unless Mitigated," as indicated in the Environmental Checklist. (Page 50)

SECTION V. - DETERMINATION: Identifies the determination of whether impacts associated with development of the Proposed Project are significant, and what, if any, additional environmental documentation may be required. (Page 51)

REFERENCES (Page 55)

ATTACHMENTS:

- A – Vicinity Map
- B – Existing Master Plan
- C – Proposed Conceptual Master Plan

SECTION I. BACKGROUND

File Number, Project Name:

McClatchy Park Conceptual Master Plan (L19136000)

Project Location:

The proposed project site is located at 3520 5th Avenue, west of 37th Street, north of 6th Avenue, east of 33rd Street and south of 5th Avenue, in the East Broadway Community Plan Area, within the Oak Park neighborhood. The project site includes Assessor's Parcel Number 013-025-1002-0000.

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Introduction

The following Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the McClatchy Park Conceptual Master Plan project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Sections 15000 *et seq.*). The City of Sacramento is the lead agency.

The City has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate environmental document for the proposed project. This environmental review examines project effects identified as significant impacts on the environment and that may be substantially reduced or avoided by the adoption of revisions or conditions to the project. The project impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels with the implementation of appropriate mitigation measures.

This analysis is in some cases based on information included within other documents (located on page 55 of this document), each of which is a matter of public record. These documents are available for public review at the City of Sacramento, Development Services Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor reception, Sacramento, CA 95811. The public counter is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; Monday through Friday.

Section 15130 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines states that "No further cumulative impacts analysis is required when a project is consistent with a general, specific, master or comparable programmatic plan where the lead agency determines that the regional or area-wide cumulative impacts of the proposed project have already been adequately addressed, as defined in 15152(f) (1), in a certified EIR for the plan." The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan designation for the site, and the SGPU adequately addressed the cumulative impacts that could be associated with the project.

The City is soliciting views of interested persons and agencies on the content of the environmental information presented in this document. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than the 30-day review period ending **December 23, 2008**.

Please send written responses to:

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SECTION II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Sacramento, Parks and Recreation (Department), is responsible for the planning, design, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of the City's park facilities. The Department has prepared a Conceptual Master Plan for McClatchy Park, located in the East Broadway Community Plan Area at the southwest corner of 5th Avenue and 35th Street, within the Oak Park neighborhood. The project includes adoption of the Conceptual Master Plan by the City Council, and renovation of McClatchy Park consistent with the Conceptual Master Plan. (See Attachment A)

The park as it currently exists includes 15.3 acres of lawn, foundation planting, mature trees, swimming pool, wading pool, clubhouse (P.A.L. Building), restrooms, tennis courts, basketball courts, storage room, play-field, picnic area, library and auditorium. (See Attachment B)

History of the Site

McClatchy Park is the former site of Joyland, a popular early-20th Century amusement park. Joyland opened in 1913 and flourished for several years. Joyland contributed to Oak Park's recreational scene and, by drawing visitors from all over Sacramento, aided in the development of Oak Park's business district. In 1920 fire damaged the park, and Joyland was never totally rebuilt.

In 1927, Mr. And Mrs. Valentine McClatchy purchased the property from PG&E and gifted it to the City of Sacramento. As a condition, the property was renamed as James McClatchy Park. All existing facilities from the original amusement park were demolished, with the exception of the swimming pool.

The swimming pool was repaired in 1927, a clubhouse was built in 1930 and an auditorium, library and pool building were built in 1939. Restrooms and a playground area were installed in 1968. A sculpture, consisting of five glazed brick staircases entitled *Out of Step* was created and installed by Joseph Manning in 1984. The pool was removed and rebuilt in 1980 and the auditorium building was refurbished. A Pavilion was added in recent years.

The park has played a strong role as a recreational facility in the history of the Oak Park community. McClatchy Park is eligible for listing as a Landmark in the Sacramento Register and is located within the Oak Park Historical Resources Survey area. The buildings located within the park are not part of a historic district, nor are they surrounded by a historic district.

Proposed Project Activities

The Conceptual Master Plan for the park identifies the eventual design and proposed uses in McClatchy Park. The location of the various uses is shown on Attachment C. The Conceptual Master Plan calls for the following activities:

- demolition and removal of the existing community building (also referred to the Police Athletic League (PAL) building),
- construction of a new clubhouse with approximately 2,500 square feet (to include a youth room, library, tech room, activity room and indoor restroom),
- removal of the existing pavilion and construction of a new stage/amphitheater with approximately 2,500 square feet (to include changing rooms and prop rooms),

- construction of a new "community circle" central gathering space that may include a farmers market area and gathering space, expanded pool area amenities, expanded playground area, and a new restroom/concession building (approximately 1,000 square feet),
- installation of new park lighting, new walkways, refurbished sports fields, a jogging trail around the periphery of the park, a skate park and a small dog park, and
- an automatic locking gate for the parking lot to be installed, parking lot curbs would be painted red, "safety" signage would be posted, fencing would be added at the pool alcove areas to protect existing electrical service, fencing and a pedestrian access at 37th Street and 6th with an automatic lock would be added, and bicycle racks would be relocated to an area located within the view of the pool.

The resulting capacity of McClatchy Park would serve the City of Sacramento, with a draw of approximately 300,000 people on an annual basis. The installation of the above project components would precede based on available financing and priority projects. The Department estimates complete Conceptual Master Plan implementation would take approximately 20 years.

SECTION III. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST AND DISCUSSION

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
1. LAND USE <i>Would the proposal:</i>			
A) Result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned use of an area?			✓
B) Affect agricultural resources or operation (e.g., impacts to soils or farmlands, or impact from incompatible land uses?)			✓

Environmental Setting

The project site is located on an existing 15.3 community park site within the Oak Park neighborhood of the East Broadway Community Planning Area. The proposed project is zoned R-1 (Standard Single-Family Zone). R-1 is a low density residential zone composed of single-family detached residences on lots a minimum of fifty-two (52) feet by one hundred (100) feet in size. This zone may also include recreational, religious and education facilities as the basic elements of a balanced neighborhood.

The site is designated by the General Plan as "Parks-Recreation-Open Space". The area surrounding area is largely built-out and includes existing single-family residences and neighborhood commercial uses. The McClatchy Park and surrounding area fall within the Oak Park Redevelopment Area.

Standards of Significance

For the purposes of this analysis, an impact is considered significant if the project would substantially alter an approved land use plan that would result in a physical change to the environment. Impacts to the physical environment resulting from the proposed project are discussed in subsequent sections of this document.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Question A

McClatchy Park has been designated as a Community Park within the City of Sacramento since 1913. The McClatchy Park Conceptual Master Plan is consistent with the Sacramento General

Plan Update (SPGU) and zoning designations for this area. The site is designated "Parks-Recreation-Open Space" in the General Plan and within the East Broadway Community Plan area. The site is zoned "R-1" (Standard Single-Family Zone). Park uses are allowed under the zoning designation of residential.

The project proposes development of the site with uses that are consistent with the current land use designations, zoning, and surrounding development. Impacts to land use are **less than significant**.

Question B

The site is not in agricultural production and is located in a neighborhood that has been urbanized since the early 1900's. No commercial agricultural operations exist in the project vicinity. Impacts to agricultural resources or operation are **less than significant**.

Findings

The proposed project would result in a **less than significant** impact to the land use of the proposed site and surrounding area and to agricultural resources.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
2. POPULATION AND HOUSING			
<i>Would the proposal:</i>			
A) Induce substantial growth in an area either directly or indirectly (e.g., through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?			✓
B) Displace existing housing, especially affordable housing?			✓

Environmental Setting

The project site is a developed community park site, designated as "Recreation-Parks-Open Space" and zoned R-1 (Standard Single-Family Zone), which allows park uses. The surrounding property's are zoned; C-2 and R-1 to the south, a mix of C-2, R-4-R and R-1 to the west, a mix of R-4, C-2 and R-2B-R to the north and R-2B-R and R-1 to the east.

Standards of Significance

An impact is considered significant if the project would induce substantial growth that is inconsistent with the approved land use plan for the area or displace existing affordable housing.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Questions A

The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan and East Broadway Community Plan designations for the site. The project would not alter the location, distribution, density or growth rate of the human population of the area. The proposed park components are designed to serve the existing and future residents of the City of Sacramento's Oak Park community.

The proposed project is located in an urbanized portion of the community, and currently includes connections to municipal water, sewer and storm drains. Extension of utilities to the project site would not extend service to an area not previously served. The project would not directly or indirectly induce substantial growth in the project area. Impacts to substantial growth would be **less than significant**.

Question B

The proposed improvements would occur entirely on the park site and housing units would not be displaced or impacted by the proposed project. The project would have a **less than significant** impact.

Findings

The proposed project would remain consistent with the General Plan and community plan designation for the site. The project would not induce growth that within the area's approved land used plans. The impacts to population and housing would be **less than significant**.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
3. SEISMICITY, SOILS, AND GEOLOGY			
<i>Would the proposal result in or expose people to potential impacts involving:</i>			
A) Seismic hazards?			✓
B) Erosion, changes in topography or unstable soil conditions?			✓
C) Subsidence of land (groundwater pumping or dewatering)?			✓
D) Unique geologic or physical features?			✓

Environmental Setting

Seismicity. The Sacramento General Plan Update (SGPU) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) identifies all the City of Sacramento as being subject to potential damage from earthquake ground shaking at a maximum intensity of VIII of the Modified Mercalli scale (SGPU DEIR, 1987, T-16). No active or potentially active faults are known to cross within close proximity to the project site.

Topography. Terrain of the proposed site is relatively flat. The elevation of the proposed project is approximately 7 feet above sea level.

Geology. The surface geology of the project site consists of Quaternary alluvium. Quaternary alluvium consists of gravel, sand, silt and clay deposited by present day stream and river systems.

Soils. According to the Soils Survey of Sacramento County prepared by the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Services, the project site is underlain with Kimball-Urban land complex, and San Joaquin-Urban land complex. The Kimball-Urban land complex is very deep with well-drained soils and is located in low, beveled areas on low terraces. Permeability is very slow, runoff is slow and the hazard of water erosion is slight. The San Joaquin-Urban land complex is moderately deep with well drained soil and is located on low terraces. Permeability is very slow, runoff is slow and the hazard of water erosion is slight.

Standards of Significance

An impact is considered significant if it allows a project to be built that would introduce geologic or seismic hazards by allowing the construction of the project on such a site without protection against such hazards.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Question A

Because no active or potentially active faults are known in the project area, the proposed project would not be subject to hazards due to the rupture of a known earthquake fault.

The SGPU determined that an earthquake of Intensity VII on the Modified Mercalli Scale is a potential event due to the seismicity of the region. Such an event would cause alarm and moderate structural damage could be expected. People and property on the site could be subject to seismic hazards, such as groundshaking, liquefaction, and settlement, which could result in damage or failure of components of the proposed project. This seismic activity could disrupt utility service due to damage or destruction of infrastructure, resulting in unsanitary or unhealthful conditions or possible fires or explosion from damaged natural gas lines.

The City is located in Zone 3 of the Uniform Building Code (UBC) Seismic Risk Map. The City requires that all new structures be designed and constructed consistent with the UBC's Zone 3 requirements. Compliance with the California Uniform Building Code (CUBC) (Title 24) would minimize the potential for adverse effects on people and property due to seismic activity by requiring the use of earthquake protection standards in construction.

Implementation of applicable regulations, codes, and standard engineering practices would mitigate significant constraints on development of the proposed project site related to groundshaking or secondary seismic hazards. The impacts due to seismic activity would be **less than significant** and mitigation is not required.

Question B

Topography of the project site is relatively flat, and changes in topography would not be substantial because the project does not propose significant site grading. Kimball-Urban land complex, San Joaquin-Urban land complex soils have a slight hazard of erosion. The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities would require Best Management Practices (BMP's) (e.g., use of erosion controlled barriers, hydro-seeding) to minimize erosion and sedimentation during grading.

The applicant/developer would be required to comply with the City's Grading, Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (Title 15). This ordinance requires the applicant to prepare erosion and sediment control plans for both construction and operation impacts of the proposed project, prepare preliminary and final grading plans, and prepare plans to control urban runoff pollution from the project site. The ordinance also requires preparation of a Post Construction Erosion and Sediment Control Plan to minimize the increase of urban runoff pollution caused by development of the area. Storm drain maintenance is required at all drain inlets. The project would include on-site source and treatment controls as required by the updated Table 3-2 Stormwater Quality Control Measure Selection Matrix in the Stormwater Quality Design Manual (May 2007).

Compliance with the standard City requirements would ensure that impacts for erosion, changes in topography or exposure to unstable soil conditions are **less than significant**.

Question C

According to the SGPU DEIR, no significant subsidence of land has occurred within the City of Sacramento (T-13). State regulations and standards related to geotechnical considerations are reflected in the Sacramento City Code. Construction and design would require complying with the latest City-adopted code at the time of construction, including the Uniform Building Code. The Code would require construction and design of buildings to meet standards that would reduce risks associated with subsidence or liquefaction.

The proposed buildings (clubhouse, concessions and restroom) would not include below-grade features, such as basements, which would require extensive excavation. Well data from the State of California Department of Water Resources indicate the depth of the groundwater within one mile from the proposed project is approximately 20 feet below the ground surface. Given the depth of the groundwater in proximity, the likelihood of encountering groundwater during excavation is remote. Construction of the proposed project would not require groundwater pumping or dewatering.

Based on this analysis, there is no potential for subsidence of land due to the removal of groundwater and the impact is **less than significant**.

Question D

No recognized unique geologic features or natural physical features exist on the project site, and impacts to such features would be **less than significant**.

Findings

The proposed project would have a **less than significant** impact due to seismicity, soils, or geology.

McClatchy Park Master Plan
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
4. WATER			
<i>Would the proposal result in or expose people to potential impacts involving:</i>			
A) Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface/stormwater runoff (e.g. during or after construction; or from material storage areas, vehicle fueling/maintenance areas, waste handling, hazardous materials handling or storage, delivery areas, etc.)?			✓
B) Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?			✓
C) Discharge into surface waters or other alterations to surface water quality that substantially impact the temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, beneficial uses of receiving waters or areas that provide water quality benefits, or cause harm to the biological integrity of the waters?			✓
D) Changes in flow velocity or volume of stormwater runoff that cause environmental harm or significant increases in erosion of the project site or surrounding areas?			✓
E) Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements?			✓
F) Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawal, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations or through substantial loss of recharge capability?			✓
G) Altered direction or rate of flow of groundwater?			✓
H) Impacts to groundwater quality?			✓

Environmental Setting

Groundwater/Surface Water. The aquifer system underlying the City is part of the larger Central Valley groundwater basin. The Sacramento, American, and Consumnes Rivers are main surface water tributaries that drain much of Sacramento and recharge the aquifer system. Surface inflows to the east of the City Limits, where deep percolation of precipitation and surface water is applied to irrigated crop land to recharge the aquifer system. Groundwater is depleted by pumped extractions of groundwater for municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes. Groundwater levels in the Sacramento area have been declining since 1940. The pattern of pumping has continued over the years, and the current rate of decline is about 1.5 feet per year (SGPU DEIR, W-9).

Water Quality. The City's municipal water is received from the American River and Sacramento River. The water of the American River is considered to be of very good quality. The Sacramento River water is considered to be of good quality, although higher sediment loads and extensive irrigated agriculture upstream of Sacramento tends to degrade the water quality. During the spring and fall, irrigation tail waters are discharged into drainage canals that flow to the river. In the winter, runoff flows over these same areas. In both instances, flows are highly turbid and introduce large amounts of herbicides and pesticides into the drainage canals, particularly rice field herbicides in May and June. The aesthetic quality of the river is changed from relatively clear to turbid from irrigation discharges.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has primary responsibility for protecting the quality of surface and groundwater within the City. The RWQCB's efforts are generally focused on preventing the introduction of the new pollutants into bodies of water that fall under its jurisdiction.

The RWQCB is concerned with all potential sources of contamination that may reach both these subsurface water supplies and the rivers through direct surface runoff or infiltration. Storm water runoff is collected in City drainage facilities and is sent directly to the Sacramento River. The RWQCB implements water quality standards and objectives that are in keeping with the State of California Standards.

The City of Sacramento has obtained a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the State Water Resources Control Board under the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency and Section 402 of the Clean Water Act. The goal of the permit is to reduce pollutants found in storm runoff. The general permit requires the permittee to employ Best Management Practices (BMP's) before, during, and after construction. The primary objective of the BMP's is to reduce non-point source pollution into waterways. These practices include structural and source control measures for residential areas and BMP's for construction sites. BMP mechanisms minimize erosion and sedimentation, and prevent pollutants such as grease from entering the storm water drains. BMP's are approved by Department of Utilities before beginning conduction (the BMP document is available from the Department of Utilities, Engineering Services Division, 1395 35th Avenue, Sacramento, CA).

Flooding. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map revised as of February 18, 2005 indicates that the project site is within the Flood Zone X. The flood zone identifies areas of 500-year flood and areas protected by levees from 100-year flood. Within the X

zone, there are no requirements to elevate or flood proof structures.

Standards of Significance

Surface/Ground Water. For purposes of this environmental document, an impact is considered significant if the proposed project would substantially degrade water quality and violate any water quality objectives set by the State Water Resources Control Board, due to increased sediments and other contaminants generated by consumption and/or operation activities.

Flooding. An impact is significant if it would substantially increase exposure of people and/or property to the risk of injury and damage in the event of a 100-year flood.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Questions A, C, and D

Development of the project site would result in a change in runoff and absorption rates through the addition of paved surfaces and buildings. Construction of new buildings, walkways and amenities would create a small increase in impervious surface. The subject site would continue to have approximately 15 acres of open areas. The minor increase to impervious surface is not anticipated to cause a significant increase in absorption or run-off rates.

During construction, the applicant/developer would be required to comply with the City's Grading, Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (Title 15). This ordinance requires the applicant to prepare erosion and sediment control plans for both during and post construction of the proposed project, prepare preliminary and final grading plans, and prepare plans to control urban runoff pollution from the project site during construction. This ordinance also requires preparation of a Post Construction Erosion and Sediment Control Plan to minimize the increase of urban runoff pollution caused by development of the area. The project site is not served by a regional water quality basin but is greater than an acre therefore both source control measures and onsite treatment control measures are required. Improvements plans must include both source control measures and onsite treatment control measures selected for the site as required by the updated Table 3-2 Stormwater Quality Control Measure Selection Matrix in the Stormwater Quality Design Manual (May 2007).

General Stormwater Construction Permit

Development of the site would be required to comply with regulations involving the control of pollution in storm-water discharges under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program (Section 402(p), Clean Water Act) and the City's NPDES permit.

The development work area is greater than one acre, and the developer would be required to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which would include information on runoff, erosion control measures to be employed, and any toxic substance to be used during construction activities. Surface runoff and drainage primarily limited to areas disturbed by grading during construction. Short term, construction-related, erosion control would be readily available by means of Best Management Practices (BMP's) (e.g., use of erosion control barriers, hydro-seeding). Long term erosion control would be accomplished by establishing vegetation and controlling surface water flow.

The City requires use of the best available technology that is economically achievable and best conventional pollutant control technology to reduce pollutants. The specific features would be discussed in the SWPPP. A monitoring program would be implemented to evaluate the effectiveness of the measures included in the SWPPP. The RWQCB may review the final drainage plans for the project components.

Compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements, designed to maintain and improve water quality from development activities, would ensure that the proposed project would have a **less than significant** impact on drainage and water quality.

Question B

The project site is located within Flood Zone X. The Flood Zone identifies areas of 500-year flood and areas of 100-year flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile, and areas protected by levees from 100-year flood. Impacts from flooding would be **less than significant**.

Question E

The proposed project site is currently an existing City of Sacramento community park. The proposed project would create a small increase in impervious surface. The increase would not substantially affect run-off or storm drainage capacity. The proposed project would not result in the direct discharge of storm water into either the Sacramento or American Rivers. Because the proposed project would not change currents, course, or direction of water movements and would be subject to grading and drainage controls in the design process the impacts would be **less than significant**.

Questions F-H

Water for the proposed project would be provided by the City of Sacramento, which receives most of its water from surface water sources (for more detail, see the Utilities section). The project would not include large subsurface features or wells, and would not consequently affect the direction or rate of flow of ground water. The proposed project would result in a **less than significant** impact to groundwater.

Findings

This project would result in a **less than significant** impact to water resources.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
5. AIR QUALITY			
<i>Would the proposal:</i>			
A) Violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation?			✓
B) Exposure of sensitive receptors to pollutants?			✓
C) Alter air movement, moisture, or temperature, or cause any change in climate?			✓
D) Create objectionable odors?			✓

Environmental Setting

The project area is located in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin, which is bounded by the Sierra Nevada on the east and the Coast Range on the west. Prevailing winds in the project area originate primarily from the southwest. These winds are the result of marine breezes coming through the Carquinez Straits. These marine breezes diminish during the winter months, and winds from the north occur more frequently at this time. Air quality within the project area and surrounding region is largely influenced by urban emission sources.

Regulatory Setting

Air quality management responsibilities exist at local, state, and federal levels of government. Air quality management planning programs were developed during the past decade generally in response to requirements established by the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and the California Clean Air Act of 1988 (CCAA).

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) is responsible for control of stationary- and indirect-source emissions, air monitoring, and preparation of air quality attainment plans in the Sacramento County portion of the Sacramento Valley Air Basin (SVAB).

Both the State of California and the federal government have established ambient air quality standards for several different pollutants. For some pollutants, separate standards have been set for different periods of the year. Most standards have been set to protect public health, although some standards have been based on other values, such as protection of crops, protection of materials, or avoidance of nuisance conditions.

The pollutants of greatest concern in the project area are carbon monoxide (CO), ozone, and inhalable particulate matter smaller than or equal to 10 microns in diameter (PM₁₀).

Based on ozone levels recorded between 1988 and 1991, the Sacramento County portion of the SBAB was classified by the CAA as a severe non-attainment area, with attainment required by 1999. Sacramento County is still classified as a non-attainment area for ozone.

Sacramento County is federally designated as a moderate non-attainment area for PM₁₀. Monitoring data have verified that no violation of the federal PM₁₀ standards has occurred in the four most recent years for which data are available, allowing the SMAQMD to request a re-designation from non-attainment to attainment of the federal standards. SMAQMD is currently working with the EPA in preparing a report for the re-designation from non-attainment to attainment, and it expected to be completed within the next few years.

For CO, the region is designated as unclassified attainment by the EPA, and is also designated as being in attainment by the State. The State of California has designated the region as being a serious non-attainment area for ozone, and a non-attainment area for PM₁₀.

Standards of Significance

The SMAQMD has adopted the following thresholds of significance:

Ozone. An increase of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) above 85 pounds per day for short-term effects (construction) would result in significant impact. An increase of either ozone precursor, nitrogen oxides (NO_x) or reactive organic gases (ROG), above 65 pounds per day for long-term effects (operation) would result in a significant impact.

Particulate Matter. The threshold of significance for PM₁₀ is a concentration based threshold equivalent to the California Ambient Air Quality Standard (CAAQS). For PM₁₀, a project would have a significant impact if it would emit pollutants at a level equal to or greater than five percent of the CAAQS (50 micrograms/cubic meter for 24 hours) if there were an existing or projected violation; however, if a project is below the ROG and NO_x thresholds, it can be assumed that the project is below the PM₁₀ thresholds as well (SMAQMD, 2004).

Carbon Monoxide. The pollutant of concern for sensitive receptors is carbon monoxide (CO). Motor vehicle emissions are the dominant source of CO in Sacramento County (SMAQMD, 2004). For purposes of this environmental analysis, sensitive receptor locations generally include sidewalks and residences. Carbon monoxide concentrations are considered significant if they exceed the 1-hour state ambient air quality standard of 20.0 parts per million (ppm) or the 8-hour state ambient standard of 9.0 ppm.

Project-related air emissions would have a significant effect if they result in concentrations that

create either a violation of an ambient air quality standard or contribute to an existing air quality violation.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Questions A and B

Operational Impacts: The URBEMIS 2007 9.2.4 model was used to calculate estimated emissions for the operation of the proposed project. Estimated ROG and NO_x summer emissions for using the URBEMIS 2007 9.2.4 model were calculated to be approximately 0.44 lbs/day and 0.21 lbs/day, respectively, which is below the 65 lbs/day threshold. The estimated ROG and NO_x winter emissions for using the URBEMIS 2007 9.2.4 model were calculated to be approximately 0.20 lbs/day and 0.32 lbs/day, respectively.

Project-Related Construction Impacts: The URBEMIS 2007 9.2.4 model was used to calculate estimated emissions for the construction of the proposed project. Based on the estimated emissions from running the URBEMIS model, the proposed project is not likely to exceed the short-term emissions threshold of 85 lbs/day for NO_x. Estimated NO_x summer and winter emissions using the URBEMIS 2007 9.2.4 model were calculated to be approximately 71.12 lbs/day, which is below the 85 lbs/day threshold.

The SMAQMD 2004 Guide to Air Quality Assessment states on page 3-2 that if the project's NO_x mass emissions from heavy-duty, mobile sources is determined not potentially significant using the recommended methodologies for estimating emissions (Manual Calculation, URBEMIS, and Roadway Construction Model), the Lead Agency may assume that exhaust emissions of other pollutants from operation of construction equipment and worker commute vehicles are also not significant. The URBEMIS 2007 model indicated that the project would not exceed the NO_x threshold and, based on the guidance of the air district, the analysis of other criteria pollutant emissions is not included in this discussion.

Construction activities would be subject to with SMAQMD's Rule 403 on Fugitive Dust, which provides that contractors shall take every reasonable precaution not to cause or allow the emissions of fugitive dust from being airborne beyond the property line from which the emission originates, from any construction, handling or storage activity, or any excavation, grading, clearing of land or solid waste disposal operation. Reasonable precautions include, but are not limited to:

- the use of water or chemicals for control of dust, where possible, during construction operations (including roadways), or during the clearing of land;
- the application of asphalt, oil, water, or suitable chemicals on dirt roads, materials stockpiles, and other surfaces, which can give rise to airborne dusts;
- other means approved by the Air Pollution Control Officer.

The proposed project would be required to comply with the air quality standards as established by SMAQMD, and would result in a **less than significant** impact to air quality.

Question C

The area surrounding area is largely built-out and includes existing single-family residences and commercial uses. The proposed structures are not of sufficient size to affect air movement or create shading impacts on neighboring properties. The proposed project would result in a **less than significant** impact related to changes in climate.

Question D

The predominant source of power for construction is diesel engines. Exhaust odors from diesel engines, as well as emissions associated with asphalt paving and the application of architectural coatings may be considered offensive. Odors would be temporary and would disperse rapidly with distance from the source and construction-generated odors would not result in the frequent exposure of the on-site receptors to objectionable odors emissions. As a result, the short-term construction-related odors would be result in a **less than significant** impact.

Findings

The project would have a **less than significant** impact on air quality with the incorporation of compliance with the regulatory requirements.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
6. TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION			
<i>Would the proposal result in:</i>			
A) Increased vehicle trips or traffic congestion?			✓
B) Hazards to safety from design features (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			✓
C) Inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses?			✓
D) Insufficient parking capacity on-site or off-site?			✓
E) Hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicyclists?			✓
F) Conflicts with adopted policies supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?			✓
G) Rail, waterborne or air traffic impacts?			✓

Environmental Setting

The existing roadway component of the transportation system within the study area is described below.

Existing Roadways

Regional automobile access to the site is provided primarily by Broadway. Access to and from Broadway is provided by 34th Street, 6th Avenue, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, or 5th Avenue. Local automobile access is provided by a system of arterial and collector roadways in the project vicinity.

Broadway is a four-lane arterial road that runs west to east from Marina View Drive to 65th Street Expressway.

34th Street is a two-lane collector road that runs north to south from C Street to Fruitridge Road.

6th Avenue is a two-lane collector road that runs west to east from Santa Buena Way to 55th Street.

Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is a four-lane arterial road that runs north to south from Broadway to Franklin Boulevard.

5th Avenue is a two-lane arterial road that runs west to east from Santa Buena Way to Broadway.

Standards of Significance

The following Standards of Significance have been established in assessing the impacts of proposed projects on the transportation facilities.

*Signalized and
unsignalized
Intersections:*

- (1). An impact to the intersections is considered significant if the Project causes the LOS of the intersections to degrade from LOS C or better to LOS D or worse.
- (2). For intersections that are already operating at LOS D, E, or F without the Project, an impact is significant if the implementation of the Project increases the average delay by 5 seconds or more at an intersection.

*Transit
Facilities:*

An impact is considered significant if the implementation of the project will cause one or more of the following:

- (1). The project-generated ridership, when added to the existing or future ridership, exceeds existing and/or planned system capacity. Capacity is defined as the total number of passengers the system of buses and light rail vehicles can carry during the peak hours of operation.
- (2). Adversely affect the transit system operations or facilities in a way that discourages ridership (e.g., removes shelter, reduces park and ride).

Transit Facilities:

An impact is considered significant if the implementation of the project will cause one or more of the following:

- (3). The project-generated ridership, when added to the existing or future ridership, exceeds existing and/or planned system capacity. Capacity is defined as the total number of passengers the system of buses and light rail vehicles can carry during the peak hours of operation.
- (4). Adversely affect the transit system operations or facilities in a way that discourages ridership (e.g., removes shelter, reduces park and ride).

Bicycle Facilities:

An impact is considered significant if the implementation of the project will cause one or more of the following:

- (1). eliminate or adversely affect an existing bikeway facility in a way that discourages the bikeway use;

- (2). interfere with the implementation of a proposed bikeway;
- (3). result in unsafe conditions for bicyclists, including unsafe bicycle/pedestrian or bicycle/motor vehicle conflicts.

Pedestrian Facilities: An impact is considered significant if the project will adversely affect the existing pedestrian facility or will result in unsafe conditions for pedestrians, including unsafe pedestrian/bicycle or pedestrian/motor vehicle conflicts.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Question A

A comparison of the trip generation rates for the typical land uses [*Reference: Institute for Transportation Engineers, Trip Generation 7th Edition*]; indicate that the expected trip generation for the proposed project does not exceed the trip generation thresholds that tend to imply the need for a study. The majority of trips would be off-peak trips largely related to activities during the day and weekends. The existing streets in the vicinity of the project site would have adequate capacity to accommodate the project generated traffic volumes without any significant traffic related impacts (Personal Communication, Samar Hajeer, Department of Transportation, September 12, 2008). The impact vehicle trips or traffic congestion would be **less than significant**.

Questions B & E

Pursuant to section 16.48.110 of the City of Sacramento Code, street and roadway improvements are designed and constructed to City standards in place at the time that the building permit is issued. All such improvements are designed and constructed to the satisfaction of the Development Engineering Division and this would ensure that there would be no hazards to safety from design features or incompatible uses.

The proposed project would not result in unsafe conditions for pedestrians, including unsafe bicycle/pedestrian or pedestrian/motor vehicle conflicts. The project proposes adding interior jogging paths, which would reduce possible pedestrian and vehicle conflicts. The project also includes safety improvements throughout the park to improve the bicycle/pedestrian circulation. Impacts of the project related to design hazards or hazards to bicyclist/pedestrians would be **less than significant**.

Question C

Existing road infrastructure provides adequate emergency access to the proposed project site. The proposed gates would be equipped with Knox boxes to provide access to fire and police during an emergency situation. The project site shall be designed to appropriate standards, to the satisfaction of the City of Sacramento, Development Services Department, Development Engineering Division and Fire Department. Potential emergency access impacts would be **less than significant**.

Question D

City Code Section 17.64.020 identifies the parking requirements by land use type. The proposed project, (the revitalization of a public park) would not require parking per the City of Sacramento Code. There are parking spaces for grading equipment and construction workers to park on-site during construction and for use as a staging area for the project. The project would result a **less than significant** impact on parking capacity on-site or off-site.

Question F, G

The nearest bus service is provided at Broadway and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard by Regional Transit Route 51. Route 51 connects to Route 39 which connects at the 39th Street light rail station, Gold Line which provides routes from the 39th Street light rail station to the Historic Folsom light rail station.

The proposed project would not interfere with existing modes of alternative transportation or decrease the level of service provided by Regional Transit. Impacts to rail or waterways would be **less than significant**.

Findings

The proposed project would have a **less than significant** impact on traffic and circulation.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
7. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES			
<i>Would the proposal result in impacts to:</i>			
A) Endangered, threatened or rare species or their habitats (including, but not limited to plants, fish, insects, animals and birds)?			✓
B) Locally designated species (e.g., heritage or City street trees)?			✓
C) Wetland habitat (e.g., marsh, riparian and vernal pool)?			✓

Environmental Setting

The biological community of the subject area is characterized as "urban" by the Sacramento General Plan Update EIR. Urban areas consist of existing commercial buildings, and associated ancillary structures (i.e., roads, parking lots, etc.) in the project vicinity. The project site and vicinity has been urbanized since the early 1900s.

The project site is in a developed, residential neighborhood. The dominant vegetation in Oak Park is irrigated turf with some herbaceous beds, and clusters of native and non-native trees. Trees within the park consist of non-native, landscape and ornamental trees. ABACUS Consulting prepared an Arborist Report dated October 21, 2008, for the proposed project site.

The arborist report indicates there are 214 located onsite. Thirteen trees are rated "dangerous" and noted for immediate removal due to poor condition. Thirty-six are rated "poor", which could be retained on a case to case basis. One hundred and twenty-two trees are rated "fair"; however, some of them require action to be taken in order to reduce any hazards to the trees. Thirty-seven are rated "good". Trees in the "good" category need regular maintenance and minimal attention. Six trees are rated "excellent", and require regular maintenance.

The California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB) identified the proposed project is located within the known range of the Swainson's hawk, a California threatened species which is fully protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Regulatory Considerations

Special-Status Species

Special-status species are plants and animals that, because of their recognized rarity or vulnerability to various causes of habitat loss or population decline, are recognized in some fashion by federal, state, or other agencies as deserving special consideration. The various categories encompassed by the term are presented below:

- Plants or animals listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) (50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 17.12 for listed plants, 17.11 for listed animals and various notices in the Federal Register (FR) for proposed species).
- Plants or animals that are candidates for possible future listing as threatened or endangered under the federal ESA (61 FR 40, February 28, 1996).
- Plants or animals designated as "special concern" by Region 1 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).
- Plants or animals listed or proposed for listing by the State of California as threatened or endangered under the California ESA (14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) 670.5).
- Plants listed as rare or endangered under the California Native Plant Protection Act (California Department of Fish and Game Code, Section 1900 et seq.).
- Plants that meet the definitions of rare and endangered under CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15380).
- Plants considered under the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) to be "rare, threatened or endangered in California" (Lists 1A, 1B, and 2 in CNPS 2001).
- Animal species of special concern to DFG; and
- Animals fully protected in California (California Fish and Game Code, Sections 3511 for birds, 4700 for mammals, and 5050 for reptiles and amphibians).

Heritage Trees

Chapter 12.56 of the City of Sacramento Code protects City trees and Chapter 12.64 of the City Code protects heritage trees. Chapter 12.56 defines a City tree as any tree growing in a public street right-of-way. Chapter 12.64 of the City Code defines a heritage tree as (1) Any tree of any species with a trunk circumference of one hundred (100) inches or more, which is of good quality, in terms of health, vigor of growth and conformity to generally accepted horticultural standards of shape and location for its species, (2) Any native *Quercus* species, *Aesculus californica* or *Platanus racemosa*, having a circumference of thirty-six (36) inches or greater when a single trunk, (3) Any tree thirty-six (36) inches in circumference or greater in a riparian zone, and (4) any tree, grove of trees or woodland trees designated by resolution of the City Council to be of special historical or environmental value or of significant community benefit.

A "City Tree" is defined by the Sacramento City Code (12.56.020) as any tree growing in a public street right-of-way. Any impacts to City trees require a permit from the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Protection of Heritage Trees

In accordance with the Sacramento City Code (12.64.040), the following rules apply during construction activities on any property upon which is located a Heritage tree. Unless the express written permission of the Director of the Department Parks and Recreation or the director's authorized representative is first obtained, no person shall:

- change the amount of irrigation provided to any Heritage tree from that which was provided prior to the commencement of construction activity;
- trench, grade, or pave into the drip line area of a heritage tree;
- change, by more than 2 feet, grade elevations within 20 feet of the drip line area of a Heritage tree;
- park or operate any motor vehicle within the drip line of any Heritage tree;
- place or store any equipment or construction materials within the drip line area of any Heritage tree;
- attach any signs, ropes, cables or any other items to any Heritage tree;
- cut or trim any branch of a Heritage tree for temporary construction purposes; or
- place or allow to flow into or over the drip line area of any Heritage tree any oil, fuel, concrete mix, or any other deleterious substance.

Standards of Significance

For purposes of this environmental document, an impact would be significant if any of the following conditions or potential thereof, would result with implementation of the proposed project:

- Creation of a potential health hazard, or use, production or disposal of materials that would pose a hazard to plant or animal populations in the area affected;
- Substantial degradation of the quality of the environment, reduction of the habitat, reduction of population below self-sustaining levels of threatened or endangered species of plant or animal;
- Affect other species of special concern to agencies or natural resource organizations (such as regulatory waters and wetlands); or
- Violate the Heritage Tree Ordinance (City Code Chapter 12.64).

For the purposes of this document, "special-status" has been defined to include those species, which are:

- Listed as endangered or threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act (or formally proposed for, or candidates for, listing);
- Listed as endangered or threatened under the California Endangered Species Act (or proposed for listing);
- Designated as endangered or rare, pursuant to California Fish and Game Code (Section 1901);
- Designated as fully protected, pursuant to California Fish and Game Code (Section 3511, 4700, or 5050);
- Designated as species of concern by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), or as species of special concern to California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG);
- Plants or animals that meet the definitions of rare or endangered under the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Answers to Checklist Questions

Question A

With the exception of native trees, no habitat for special-status species exists on the project site. Generally, valley oaks near the river are potential nesting habitat for Swainson's hawk, a special-status species. The California Natural Diversity Database has three listings for Swainson's hawk within four miles of the proposed project site. However, the trees on the project site and the developed park site are not considered potential nesting habitat because of their placement in immediate proximity to urban activities, including occupied buildings and busy roadways. No other habitat for other special-status species would be disturbed by project development.

The California Department of Fish and Game considers significant all impacts to Swainson's hawk foraging habitat of five acres or more within a 10-mile radius of active nest sites. The 15-acre existing park site is not considered to be Swainson's hawk foraging habitat as it is surrounded by development, and has been developed as a park site for over 95 years.

A critical requirement for Swainson's hawk nesting is that sufficient foraging habitat (usually agricultural land or grassland) be nearby (within several miles) to support the small mammal prey species for feeding young. Vegetation on the site consists of regularly maintained ornamental species of vegetation and trees, and would not support a sufficient number of small mammals for a nesting pair of hawks and young. The park is not considered as suitable habitat for the Swainson's hawk, and the impact is **less than significant**.

Question B

The Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to remove twelve trees that have been identified "to be removed" by the ABACUS Consulting Arborist Report. The removal of the twelve trees would not meet the "Heritage Tree" definition "Any tree of any species with a trunk circumference of one hundred (100) inches or more, which is of good quality, in terms of health, vigor of growth and conformity to generally, accepted horticultural standards of shape and location for its species" because the twelve trees have been determined to be less than "good quality, in terms of health, vigor of growth and conformity".

The proposed project does not have any City Trees located onsite. The proposed project would create a **less than significant** impact to locally designated species such as heritage trees or City street trees.

Question C

No water features such as vernal pools, marshes, seasonal wetlands are located on or adjacent to, the site. Impacts to wetland habitats are **less than significant**.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
8. ENERGY			
<i>Would the proposal result in impacts to:</i>			
A) Power or natural gas?			✓
B) Use non-renewable resources in a wasteful and inefficient manner?			✓
C) Substantial increase in demand of existing sources of energy or require the development of new sources of energy?			✓

Environmental Setting

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) supplies electricity to portions of the City of Sacramento, including the project site. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) is the natural gas utility for the City of Sacramento. Distribution conduits are located throughout the City, usually underground along City and County public utility easements (PUE's).

Standards of Significance

A significant impact would result if the project would use non-renewable resources in a wasteful and inefficient manner, or create a substantial new demand for energy resources.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Questions A – C

The project would consume fossil fuels during construction. The project site is located in an urbanized portion of the community, and is served by existing utility services. The project site is designated for recreational uses. The project would not create a substantial new demand for energy services, and would be required to comply with the state energy efficiency standards required of all new development. The project's impact to energy sources would be **less than significant**.

Findings

The project would result in **less than significant** impacts to energy resources.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
9. HAZARDS			
<i>Would the proposal involve:</i>			
A) A risk of accidental explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to: oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation)?			✓
B) Possible interference with an emergency evacuation plan?			✓
C) The creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard?			✓
D) Exposure of people to existing sources of potential health hazards?		✓	
E) Increased fire hazard in areas with flammable brush, grass, or trees?			✓

Environmental Setting

The project site is currently an existing City of Sacramento community park. The area surrounding the proposed project consists of commercial uses and single-family residences.

Standards of Significance

For the purposes of this document, an impact is considered significant if the proposed project would:

- expose people (e.g., residents, pedestrians, construction workers) to existing contaminated soil during construction activities;
- expose people (e.g., residents, pedestrians, construction workers) to asbestos-containing materials; or
- expose people (e.g., residents, pedestrians, construction workers) to existing contaminated groundwater during de-watering activities; or
- expose people (e.g., residents, pedestrians, construction workers) to increase fire hazards.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Questions A, C & D

The proposed project would include the construction and demolition of buildings (clubhouse, concessions and restrooms) on-site. The uses associated with the project would not use pesticides, fuels, and household chemicals except on a minor scale, or for normal landscaping purposes.

The proposed project site may contain recognized hazardous environmental conditions. The project site was previously owned by PG & E and operated as an electronic plant until 1927. The demolition of the PAL building (built in 1930) may result in the release of asbestos and/or the exposure to people to existing sources of potential health hazards.

The mitigation measures listed below shall be implemented to ensure a **less than significant** impact to potential hazards.

HAZ-1: A Phase I, Environmental Site Assessment shall be required by a qualified professional to determine the potential of hazardous material contamination including asbestos-containing materials. Prior to any disturbance of on-site building materials (including renovation or demolition) a comprehensive asbestos inspection by a California Asbestos Consultant (CAC) shall be required.

In the event that hazardous material contamination is discovered during grading or construction activities, the applicant shall retain a qualified professional to evaluate the type and extent of the hazardous material contamination and make appropriate recommendations, including if necessary, the preparation of a site remediation plan (Pursuant to Section 25401.05 (a) (1) of the California Health and Safety Code). Work within the project site shall not proceed until all identified hazards are managed to the satisfaction of the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County Environmental Management Department.

In the event remediation is required, the applicant shall ensure preparation of a site-specific health and safety plan that meets the intent of Occupational Safety and Health Administration hazardous material worker requirements (CCR Title 8). The plan shall be prepared by a qualified professional prior to the commencement of site-disturbing activities. Preparation of a remediation plan shall include a certification that the remediation measures would clean up the contaminants, dispose of the waste properly, and protect public health in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

In the event that hazardous materials are found onsite, the applicant shall obtain closure and/or No Further Action letters from the appropriate agencies as a condition of approval prior to grading permits from the City of Sacramento.

Question B

A proposed project component includes an automatic locking gate for the parking lot to be installed, parking lot curbs would be painted red, "safety" signage would be posted, fencing would be added at

the pool alcove areas to protect existing electrical service, fencing and a pedestrian access at 37th Street and 6th with an automatic lock to be added, and bicycle racks would be relocated to an area located within the view of the pool. The proposed project components have reviewed for adequacy by the City of Sacramento's Police and Fire Departments. Recommendations by the Police Department were incorporated into the site design. The project site is located in an urbanized portion of the community, and is served by local roadways that provide routes for travel in emergencies. The proposed project would result in a **less than significant** impact to emergency evacuation plans.

Questions E

The project site is located in an urbanized area and surrounded by hardscape and irrigated turf. Project site landscaping is maintained and does not pose a fire hazard. Development of the project site would not increase the potential for fire hazard. Impacts associated with fire hazards are **less than significant**.

Findings

With the implementation of the mitigation measures above, the proposed project would result in **less than significant** impact regarding hazards.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
10. NOISE			
<i>Would the proposal result in:</i>			
A) Increases in existing noise levels? Short-term Long Term			✓ ✓
B) Exposure of people to severe noise levels? Short-term Long Term			✓ ✓

Environmental Setting

The proposed project is located west of 37th Street, north of 6th Avenue, east of 33rd Street and south of 5th Avenue. The surrounding area of the project site has existing residential and commercial land uses.

Standards of Significance

Thresholds of significance are those established by the Title 24 standards and by the City's General Plan Noise Element and the City Noise Ordinance. Noise and vibration impacts resulting from the implementation of the proposed project would be considered significant if they cause any of the following results:

- Exterior noise levels at the proposed project, which are above the upper value of the normally acceptable category for various land uses (SGPU DEIR AA-27) caused by noise level increases due to the project. The maximum normally acceptable exterior community noise exposure for residential backyards it is 60 dB L_{dn}, and for residential interior it is 45 dB L_{dn};
- Residential interior noise levels of 45 L_{dn} or greater caused by noise level increases due to the project; and
- Construction noise levels not in compliance with the City of Sacramento Noise Ordinance.

Construction-generated sound is exempt from limits if construction activities take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday and between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays as specified in Section 8.68.080 of the City of Sacramento Noise Ordinance.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Questions A and B

Temporary increases in existing noise levels would occur during construction of the proposed facility. Construction activities would require heavy equipment for trenching, grading, paving, installation of park amenities. Noise levels at construction sites can vary from 65 dB to maximum of nearly 90 dB when heavy equipment is used nearby. Construction noise would be intermittent, and noise levels would vary depending on the type of construction activity. Construction noise would be audible to nearby residents. Construction noise is exempt from the City of Sacramento Noise Ordinance, provided that construction is limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. All internal combustion engines in use on the project must be equipped with original manufacturers' silencers or their after market equivalents, and be in good working order (as required by City Ordinance).

The noise generated by the use of the proposed clubhouse, stage/amphitheater, farmers market, pool area, playground, sports fields, jogging trail, skate park and small dog park would be intermittent and primarily during the day and on weekends. Some noise impacts may occur for larger events that may be audible outside the park. This noise would be temporary and would be similar to noise levels experienced by events currently held at McClatchy Park. Construction improvements to the park on adjacent uses and noise generated from park use for normal operation would result in a **less than significant** impact to existing noise levels and would not expose people to severe noise levels.

McClatchy Park Master Plan
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
11. PUBLIC SERVICES			
<i>Would the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered government services in any of the following areas:</i>			
A) Fire protection?			✓
B) Police protection?			✓
C) Schools?			✓
D) Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?			✓
E) Other governmental services?			✓

Environmental Setting

The nearest Sacramento Fire Department stations to the proposed project site are Station No. 4 located at 3145 Granada Way in Sacramento and Station No. 6 located at 3301 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Sacramento.

The area is served by the Sacramento City Police Department. The Joseph E. Rooney Police Facility serves the south area of Sacramento and is located at 5303 Franklin Boulevard approximately 2.3 miles south of the project site.

Standards of Significance

For the purposes of this report, an impact would be considered significant if the project resulted in the need for new or altered services related to fire protection, police protection, school facilities, roadway maintenance, or other governmental services; the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Questions A – E

Implementation of the project would not result in an increase in the demand for fire protection and emergency services. The proposed project would incorporate design features identified in the Uniform Building Code and the Uniform Fire Code. The Fire Department reviews and comments on the design of any proposed project that could affect fire safety. With incorporation of fire safety measures required by the Uniform Building Code and the Uniform Fire Code, as well as City permitting requirements, any physical fire safety impacts associated with the project would be

result in a **less than significant** impact to the demand for fire protection services and new fire protection facilities.

The proposed project would not result in effects to existing schools, or the need for any new school facilities. The proposed project would not increase housing/population and would not increase the demand for new municipal services or governmental services.

McClatchy Park is a source of concern for the City of Sacramento Police Department. Many residences or businesses do not have a good view of the park. Visibility into the park is obstructed by the current stage, which has become a safety concern. The removal of the PAL building, additional interpretive signage, a group picnic area and improved decorative lighting would implement crime prevention through environmental design.

Findings

The proposed project would result in **less than significant** impact to public services.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
12. UTILITIES <i>Would the proposal result in the need for new systems or supplies, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:</i>			
A) Communication systems?			✓
B) Local or regional water supplies?			✓
C) Local or regional water treatment or distribution facilities?			✓
D) Sewer or septic tanks?			✓
E) Storm water drainage?			✓
F) Solid waste disposal?			✓

Environmental Setting

Water. The City of Sacramento is the water supplier for the proposed project. The project is within the City's Water Service Area. The City of Sacramento obtains water from three sources: the American River, the Sacramento River, and groundwater wells. Treated water is currently produced at two water treatment plants: the Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant (WTP) on the American River, and the Sacramento WTP on the Sacramento River.

Surface Water Rights: According to the City's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) (p. 4-2), the City holds an annual surface water entitlement of 81,000 acre-feet from the Sacramento River, and, ultimately, 245,000 acre-feet from the American River. The total annual diversion allowed by the City's four American River permits is 245,000 acre-feet at build-out of these entitlements in the year 2030. The maximum total combined water supply from both the Sacramento and American River by the year 2030 is 326,800 acre-feet.

According to the UWMP (p. 6-1), about 18 percent of the City's water demand is currently met through groundwater wells. The groundwater is generally of good quality. The City focuses on surface water and minimizes reliance on groundwater to avoid water quality problems and reduce the City's contribution to possible groundwater overdraft conditions.

Water Supply. Water supply facilities in the project area include an 8" inch water main located in 33rd Street, an 8" inch water main in 5th Avenue, a 6" inch water main in-between 35th and 36th Street, and a water main off of 5th Avenue, which connects to a 4" inch water main in the middle of the park. The 4" inch water main branches off in the middle of the park in a west-east direction to link back up with the 8"inch water main in 33rd Street and ultimately extends in a north-south

direction to 6th Avenue. A 12" inch water main is located in 6th Avenue in-between 33rd Street and 37th Street.

Stormwater Drainage/Sewage. Stormwater and sewage facilities in the areas include a 8" inch sewer main adjacent to the existing buildings in McClatchy Park, a 10" inch sewer main in 37th Street, a 18" inch sewer main that connects to the pool sump, a 8" inch sewer main that connects to the wading pool, and a 8" inch sewer main that in 33rd Street.

The proposed project is located within the Sacramento Area Sewer District (formally known as CSD-1). The Sacramento Area Sewer District serves as a contributing agency to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD). The Sacramento Area Sewer District is responsible for the operation of all regional interceptors and the collection of wastewater from unincorporated areas of Sacramento County, Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova, Elk Grove with portions of Folsom and Sacramento. SRCSD is responsible for the conveyance and treatment of the wastewater which includes the ownership and maintenance of larger interceptor pipelines and all activities at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant outside of Elk Grove, California. The proposed project must satisfy all of Sacramento Area Sewer District requirements.

Stormwater and sewer service for the proposed project is located in an area of the City served by the Combined Sewer System (CSS). The CSS consists of a single network of pipelines that collect both storm water and sewage, and convey the mixed flow southward to the Sacramento Regional Water Treatment Plant (SRWTP), which is located in Elk Grove. The CSS serves approximately 7,000 acres of downtown, along with approximately 2,200 additional acres including the project area, Oak Park, River Park, CSUS, and the balance of East Sacramento. After treatment, wastewater is discharged to the Sacramento River near Freeport.

Solid Waste. The project is required to meet the City's Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Regulations (Chapter 17.72 of the Zoning Ordinance). The purpose of the ordinance is to regulate the location, size, and design of features of recycling and trash enclosures in order to provide adequate, convenient space for the collection, storage, and loading of recyclable and solid waste material for existing and new development; increase recycling of used materials; and reduce litter. City solid waste collection services transport waste to the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station, located at 8191 Fruitridge Road, where it is ultimately transported to Lockwood Landfill in Nevada. The Lockwood Landfill has an approximate 40-year capacity.

Standards of Significance

For purposes of this environmental document, an impact is considered significant if the proposed project would:

- create an increase in water demand of more than 10 million gallons per day;
- substantially degrade water quality;
- generate more than 500 tons of solid waste per year;
- generate storm water that would exceed the capacity of the storm water system or
- result in a determination by the wastewater collection and treatment provider that it does not have adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to existing commitments.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Question A

The project site is located in an urbanized portion of the community, and is served by existing communications systems. The project would have a **less than significant** impact on communication systems.

Questions B and C

Based on the figures presented in the City's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), Sacramento's water supply is sufficient through year 2030. The UWMP confirms the City's ability to meet anticipated water demand and indicates that the City of Sacramento has sufficient water rights and the infrastructure to deliver water in normal, single-dry, and multiple-dry years. The City would continue water conservation programs to reduce demand within the City (P. 7-4). Impacts from water treatment and supplies would be **less than significant**.

Question D & E

Stormwater and sewage facilities in the areas include a 8" inch sewer main adjacent to the existing buildings in McClatchy Park, a 10" inch sewer main in 37th Street, a 18" inch sewer main that connects to the pool sump, a 8" inch sewer main that connects to the wading pool, and a 8" inch sewer main that in 33rd Street. The proposed project is located within the Sacramento Area Sewer District (formally known as CSD-1). The project would be required to comply with all requirements established by the Sacramento Area Sewer District and the Department of Utilities, City of Sacramento. Impacts from sewer services would be **less than significant**.

Drainage from the proposed paved surfaces and buildings would be required to connect to the existing City's public drainage system. All drainage improvements would be required to be developed to the satisfaction of the Department of Utilities. All drainage lines would be placed within the asphalt section of public rights-of-way as per the City's Design and Procedures Manual. A water study may be required by the Department of Utilities to show that the drainage system has the capacity to accept drainage.

Because the Department of Utilities would ensure that project's drainage system is appropriately sized and is connected appropriately to the City's drainage system, the project impacts on the City's drainage facilities would be **less than significant**.

Question F

The project is required to meet the City's Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Regulations (Chapter 17.72 of the Zoning Ordinance). The purpose of the ordinance is to regulate the location, size, design of features of recycling and trash enclosures in order to provide adequate, convenient space for the collection, storage, and loading of recyclable and solid waste material for existing and new development; increase recycling of used material; and reduce litter.

There is sufficient capacity for the solid waste generated by the City of Sacramento. Keifer Landfill

has capacity until 2035 at the current throughput, and the Lockwood landfill has capacity for the 250 to 300 years.

For these reasons, it is anticipated that development of the proposed project would result in a **less than significant** impact from solid waste.

Findings

The proposed project would result in a **less than significant** impact to utility systems.

McClatchy Park Master Plan
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
13. AESTHETICS, LIGHT AND GLARE			
<i>Would the proposal:</i>			
A) Affect a scenic vista or adopted view corridor?			✓
B) Have a demonstrable negative aesthetic effect?			✓
C) Create light or glare?			✓

Environmental Setting

The project site is not in an adopted view corridor or a scenic vista. The project site consists of improvements to the 15.3 acres community park. The development park contains a mix of recreational amenities, established trees and vegetation, landscape lighting and public art. The proposed project located by 37th Street along the eastern boundary, 33rd Street on the western boundary, the 6th Street along the southern boundary, and 5th Avenue along the northern boundary.

Standards of Significance

Visual impacts would include obstruction of a significant view or the introduction of a façade which lacks visual interest and compatibility which would be visible from a public gathering or viewing area.

Glare. Glare is considered to be significant if it would be cast in such a way as to cause public hazard or annoyance for a sustained period of time.

Light. Light is considered significant if it would be cast onto oncoming traffic or residential uses.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Question A

Because the project site is not located within an identified scenic corridor or viewshed, impacts to an identified scenic corridor or viewshed would not occur. The impact to a scenic vista or adopted view corridor would be **less than significant**.

Question B

The Parks and Recreation Department proposes to remove twelve trees which were found to be rated "dangerous" or "poor" in the ABACUS Consulting Arborist Report. This number is very small and will not significantly affect the canopy covering the park. Many identified trees are diseased

American Elm and are located in the heaviest canopy areas. Trees require good air circulation to maintain healthy canopies and the thinning of canopy would help the surrounding trees if removed. A majority of the trees to be removed are on the edges of the park and the trees would be replanted as the park is redeveloped.

Aesthetically, a slightly thinned canopy would create a better diversity of large, older trees and an infusion of new, young, healthy trees. For these reasons, the impacts related to a negative aesthetic effect would be **less than significant**.

Question C

The proposed project includes the construction of new facilities at an existing community park. The following amenities are proposed to be added; the construction of a new clubhouse with approximately 2,500 square feet (to include a youth room, library, tech room, activity room and indoor restroom), a new stage/amphitheater with approximately 2,500 square feet (to include changing rooms and prop rooms), the construction of a new "community circle" central gathering space that may include a farmers market area and gathering space, expanded pool area amenities, expanded playground area, and a new restroom/concession building (approximately 1,000 square feet), installation of new park lighting, new walkways, refurbished sports fields, a jogging trail around the periphery of the park, a skate park and a small dog park (See Attachment C). The proposed project would not result in substantial adverse affects associated with glare.

Findings

The project is determined to have a **less than significant** impact to visual resources.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
14. CULTURAL RESOURCES			
<i>Would the proposal:</i>			
A) Disturb paleontological resources?			✓
B) Disturb archaeological resources?		✓	
C) Affect historical resources?		✓	
D) Have the potential to cause a physical change, which would affect unique ethnic cultural values?			✓
E) Restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?			✓

Environmental Setting

The proposed project is not in a Primary Impact Area as defined by the Sacramento General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report (SGPU) (DEIR, V-5). The SGPU defines a Primary Impact Area as an area that is most sensitive to urban development due to the potential presence of cultural resources.

McClatchy Park is the former site of Joyland, a popular early-20th Century amusement park. Joyland opened in 1913 and flourished for several years. Joyland contributed to Oak Park's recreational scene and, by drawing visitors from all over Sacramento, aided in the development of Oak Park's business district.

The park has played a strong role as a recreational facility in the history of the Oak Park community. McClatchy Park is eligible for listing as a Landmark in the Sacramento Register and is located within the Oak Park Historical Resources Survey area. The buildings located within the park are not part of a historic district, nor are they surrounded by a historic district.

Standards of Significance

Cultural resource impacts may be considered significant if the proposed project would result in one or more of the following:

1. Cause a substantial change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource

as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5 or

2. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Questions A, C, D

Although there are no known cultural/historic resources, during construction previously unidentified cultural or historical resources may be unearthed. The mitigation measures listed below shall be implemented to ensure a **less than significant** impact to potential cultural resources.

CR-1: In the event that any prehistoric subsurface archeological features or deposits, including locally darkened soil ("midden"), that could conceal cultural deposits, animal bone, obsidian and/or mortars are discovered during construction-related earth-moving activities, all work within 50 meters of the resources shall be halted, and the City shall consult with a qualified archeologist to assess the significance of the find. Archeological test excavations shall be conducted by a qualified archeologist to aid in determining the nature and integrity of the find. If the find is determined to be significant by the qualified archeologist, representatives of the City and the qualified archeologist shall coordinate to determine the appropriate course of action. All significant cultural materials recovered shall be subject to scientific analysis and professional museum curation. In addition, a report shall be prepared by the qualified archeologist according to current professional standards.

CR-2: If a Native American site is discovered, the evaluation process shall include consultation with the appropriate Native American representatives.

- a. If Native American archeological, ethnographic, or spiritual resources are involved, all identification and treatment shall be conducted by qualified archeologists, who are certified by the Society of Professional Archeologists (SOPA) and/or meet the federal standards as stated in the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR 61), and Native American representatives, who are approved by the local Native American community as scholars of the cultural traditions.
- b. In the event that no such Native American is available, persons who represent tribal governments and/or organizations in the locale in which resources could be affected shall be consulted. If historic archeological sites are involved, all identified treatment is to be carried out by qualified historical archeologists, who shall meet either Register of Professional Archeologists (RPA), or 36 CFR 61 requirements.

CR-3: If a human bone or bone of unknown origin is found during construction, all work shall stop in the vicinity of the find, and the County Coroner shall be contacted immediately. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the coroner shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission, who shall notify the person most likely believed to be a descendant. The most likely descendant shall work with the contractor to develop a program for re-internment of the human remains and any associated artifacts. No additional work is to take place within the immediate vicinity of the find until the identified appropriate actions have taken place.

Question B

To be considered a historic resource under the California Environmental Quality Act, a proposed property must be listed in or eligible for listing in the Sacramento, California or National Registers, and meet the registers' listing criteria. In addition to meeting either the Sacramento, California or National Register criteria, the resource must also retain integrity, defined as "the ability of a property to convey its significance through location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association."

McClatchy Park is located within the Oak Park Historic Resources Survey area and Historic Environment Consultants, who conducted the survey for the City of Sacramento, recommended that the Park is eligible for listing as a Landmark in the Sacramento Register. The buildings located within the park are not part of a historic district, nor are they surrounded by a potential historic district.

The project proposes to demolish the PAL building, the restroom structure and the Pavilion structure. The PAL Building, constructed in 1930, was evaluated as part of the Oak Park Historic Resources Survey and was recommended by the consultant to lack integrity. The PAL Building is not part of McClatchy Park, but is included in the proposed McClatchy Park Conceptual Master Plan. The PAL building was identified by Historic Environment Consultants as potentially eligible as a contributing resource to a potential historic district, however there does not appear to be an existing district to which it would contribute; therefore, the PAL building is not eligible for listing in the Sacramento, California or National Registers and is not a historic resource per CEQA. The restroom structure was constructed in 1968. This structure is less than 50 years old and is not eligible for listing on the Sacramento, California or National Registers. The Pavilion structure was constructed after 1984. This structure is less than 50 years old and is not eligible for listing on the Sacramento, California or National.

The proposed project does not impact historic resources and is **less than significant**.

Question E

There are no known existing religious or sacred uses on the project site. The impact to existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area would be a **less than significant**.

Findings

The project would have **less than significant** impact on cultural resources with the incorporation of the above mitigation measures.

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
15. RECREATION			
<i>Would the proposal:</i>			
A) Increase the demand for neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities?			✓
B) Affect existing recreational opportunities?			✓

Environmental Setting

The proposed project is a City of Sacramento community park serving the existing developed and urbanized area of Oak Park. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2005-2010 purpose and goals for parks in the City of Sacramento include; personal benefits such as fun, wellness, learning, social benefits such as safe places and strong communities, environmental benefits such as the quality of life and conservation, and economic benefits.

Existing facilities include 15.3 acres of lawn, foundation planting, mature trees, swimming pool, wading pool, a clubhouse (P.A.L. building), restrooms, tennis courts, basketball courts, a storage room, a play-field, picnic field, picnic area, library and auditorium. The park has been a recreational facility since 1913. The community is actively involved in the revitalization and has provided their input on what should be included within the proposed project.

Standards of Significance

Recreation impacts would be considered significant if the project created a new demand for additional recreational facilities or affect existing recreational opportunities.

Answers to Checklist Questions

Questions A and B

The proposed new clubhouse and pavilion would be built in an existing community park, which has served the community for 81 years. The improvements would not increase the demand for additional neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities. The improvements would provide new amenities for park users. The project is consistent with the goals and policies of the City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2005-2010. The project would not affect existing recreational opportunities, and would result in a **less than significant** impact related to recreational facilities.

Findings

The proposed project would result in **less than significant** impacts to recreational resources.

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Issues:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated	Less-than-significant Impact
16. <u>MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE</u>			
A. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? Disturb paleontological resources?		✓	
B. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals?			✓
C. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)			✓
D. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			✓

Question A

As discussed in the preceding sections, the proposed project, with the implementation of the mitigation measures, would not degrade the quality of the environment, including effects on animals or plants. The proposed project may affect cultural resources within the project site.

Mitigation language has been included in the case that previously unidentified cultural or paleontological resources are uncovered during construction. Mitigation has been proposed in order to reduce these impacts to **less than significant** levels.

Question B

The project does not require a variance from any regulations in order to be constructed. The proposed project would not result in short-term goals to the disadvantage of long term environmental goals because all significant impacts of the project can be mitigated to a **less than significant** level.

Question C

Section 15130 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines state that "No further cumulative impacts analysis is required when a project is consistent with a general, specific, matter or comparable programmatic plan where the lead agency determines that the regional or area-wide cumulative impacts of the proposed project have already been adequately addressed."

The proposed project would create a significant impact to hazards and cultural resources. However, all impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with mitigation. None of these impacts would affect offsite resources and would not result in significant cumulative impacts.

For these reasons, there are no cumulatively considerable impacts and the impact is **less than significant**.

Question D

The project does not have environmental effects that could cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. The environmental effect on humans would be **less than significant**.

SECTION IV. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below potentially would be affected by this project.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seismicity, Soils and Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics, Light and Glare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Circulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None Identified | |

SECTION V. DETERMINATION

On the basis of the initial evaluation:

I find that the Proposed Project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

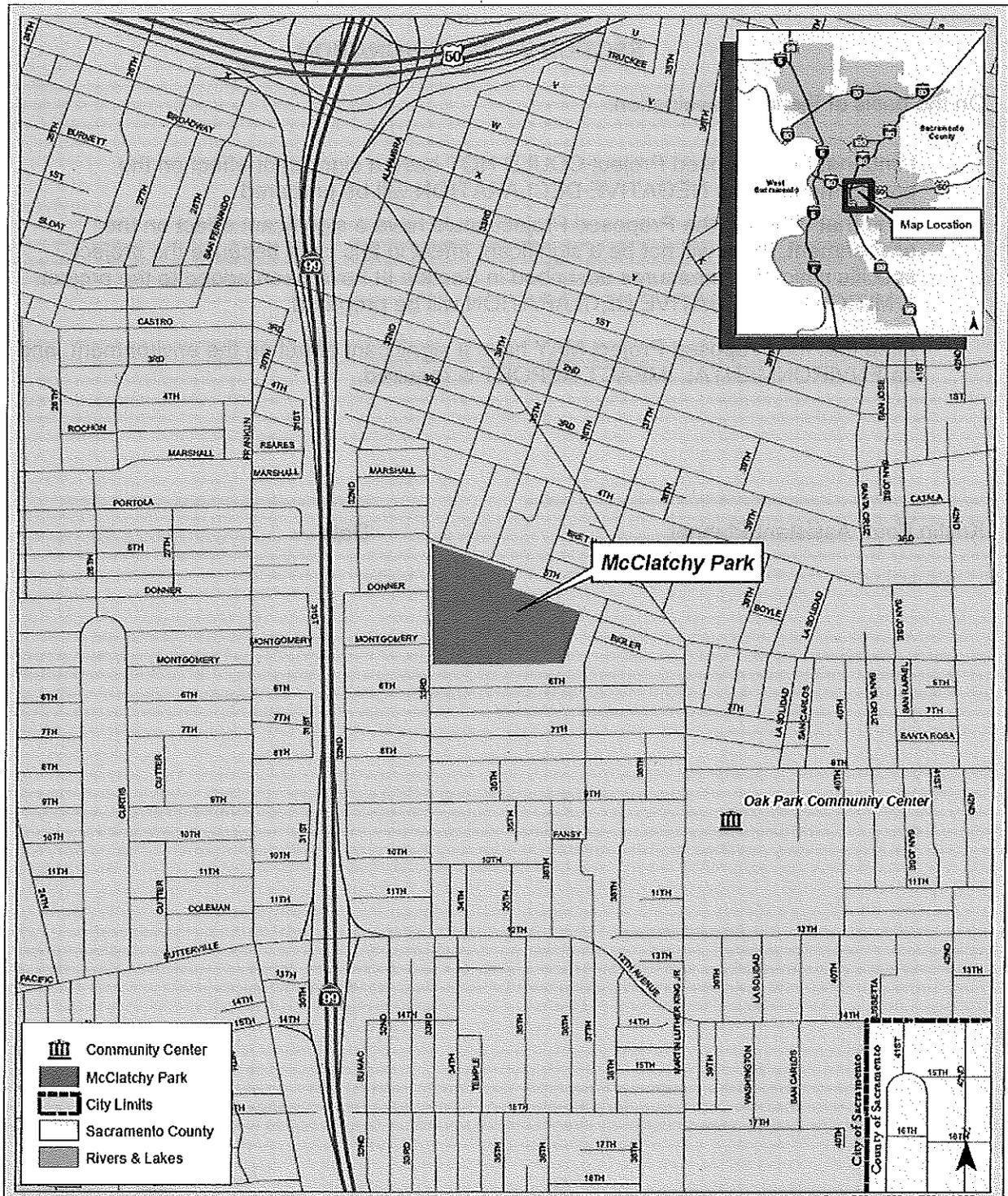
- X I find that although the Proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the project-specific mitigation measures described in Section III have been added to the project. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

I find that the Proposed Project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.

Kristin Ford, Assistant Planner

Date

McClatchy Park Master Plan
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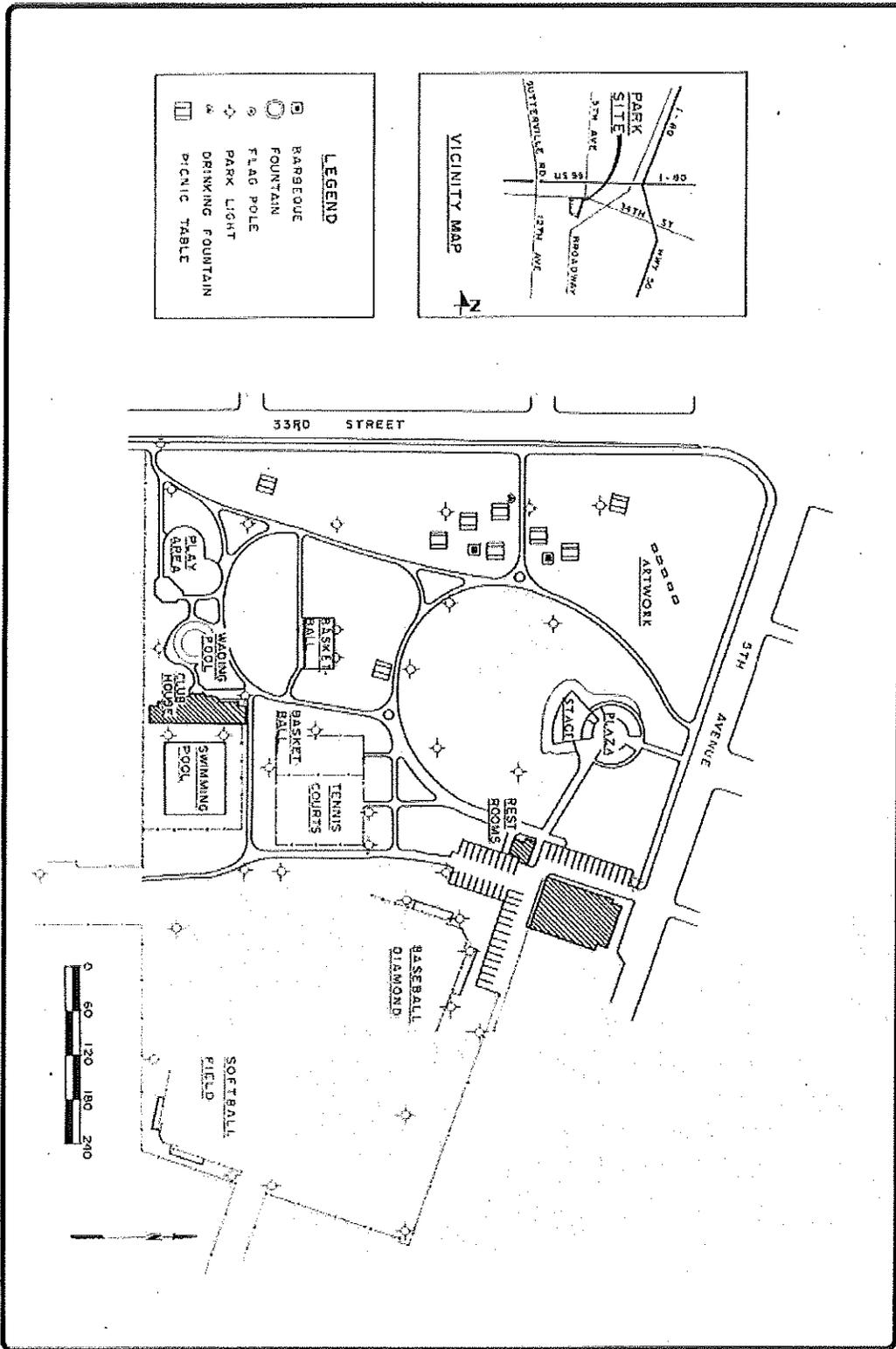



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 McClatchy Park

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Attachment
 B
 Existing
 Master Plan



SHEET NO. _____

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McClatchy Park (15.33 AC)

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McCLATCHY COMMUNITY PARK

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 EXISTING AND PROPOSED TREES

CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN

- A. HISTORIC GATEWAY ENTRANCE
- HISTORIC ARCH
- B. COMMUNITY PLAZA
- COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE
- FARMER'S MARKET
- C. COMMUNITY STAGE
- SPECIAL EVENT STAGE
- SEATING SPACES
- D. RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
- CLUB HOUSE
- CONCESSIONS and RESTROOM FACILITIES
- 2 1/2" - 5" TR. - 5" TR. PLAY EQUIPMENT
- 5 1/2" - 12" TR. PLAY EQUIPMENT
- E. EXPANDED POOL FACILITY
- POOL BUILDING
- EXISTING POOL and PROPOSED WATER PLAY
- F. TEEN and ADULT PLAY AREAS
- FULL-COURT BASKETBALL (2)
- FENCED TENNIS COURT
- SKATE PARK
- G. BASEBALL / SOFTBALL
- UPGRADED BASEBALL and SOFTBALL FIELDS
- H. MULTI-USE PLAY FIELDS
- UPGRADED FIELDS
- SOCCER
- FOOTBALL
- I. PARKING LOT
- J. GROUP PICNIC AREAS
- K. SMALL GROUP PICNIC AREAS
- L. WALKING/JOGGING PATHS
- M. EXISTING COMMUNICATION TOWER

Attachment
 C
 Proposed
 Conceptual
 Master Plan



CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN



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