

**Form A**

**Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

SCH # \_\_\_\_\_

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Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location:

County: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Nearest Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross Streets: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: \_\_\_\_\_

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

Document Type:

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| <b>CEQA:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> NOP        | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <b>NEPA:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> NOI       | <b>Other:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
|              | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | (Prior SCH No.) _____                              |              | <input type="checkbox"/> EA        |               | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
|              | <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               |              | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS |               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____    |
|              | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR  |  |              | <input type="checkbox"/> FONSI     |               |   |

Local Action Type:

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____    |

Development Type:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ Watts _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational _____                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational _____                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____            |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                           |

Funding (approx.): Federal \$ \_\_\_\_\_ State \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual         | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding       | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities            | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land        | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard    | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality              | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone             | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption      | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Landuse                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs            | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks           | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____              |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Project Description:

# Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

**KEY**  
 S = Document sent by lead agency  
 X = Document sent by SCH  
 ✓ = Suggested distribution

**Resources Agency**

- \_\_\_ Boating & Waterways
- \_\_\_ Coastal Commission
- \_\_\_ Coastal Conservancy
- \_\_\_ Colorado River Board
- \_\_\_ Conservation
- \_\_\_ Fish & Game
- \_\_\_ Forestry & Fire Protection
- \_\_\_ Office of Historic Preservation
- \_\_\_ Parks & Recreation
- \_\_\_ Reclamation Board
- \_\_\_ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- \_\_\_ Water Resources (DWR)

**Business, Transportation & Housing**

- \_\_\_ Aeronautics
- \_\_\_ California Highway Patrol
- \_\_\_ CALTRANS District # \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
- \_\_\_ Housing & Community Development

**Food & Agriculture**

**Health & Welfare**

- \_\_\_ Health Services \_\_\_\_\_

**State & Consumer Services**

- \_\_\_ General Services
- \_\_\_ OLA (Schools)

**Environmental Protection Agency**

- \_\_\_ Air Resources Board
- \_\_\_ California Waste Management Board
- \_\_\_ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- \_\_\_ SWRCB: Delta Unit
- \_\_\_ SWRCB: Water Quality
- \_\_\_ SWRCB: Water Rights
- \_\_\_ Regional WQCB # \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

**Youth & Adult Corrections**

- \_\_\_ Corrections

**Independent Commissions & Offices**

- \_\_\_ Energy Commission
- \_\_\_ Native American Heritage Commission
- \_\_\_ Public Utilities Commission
- \_\_\_ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- \_\_\_ State Lands Commission
- \_\_\_ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
  
- \_\_\_ Other City of Los Angeles Planning Dept.;
- Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works,
- Watershed Management Division

Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

For SCH Use Only:

Date Received at SCH \_\_\_\_\_

Date Review Starts \_\_\_\_\_

Date to Agencies \_\_\_\_\_

Date to SCH \_\_\_\_\_

**Clearance Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*Notes:*

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project: Marsh Street Park

Location: 2960 Marsh Street, 2961 Rosana Street, and 2943 Gleneden Street  
Los Angeles, CA

Lead Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

### Project Description:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) proposes to make improvements to Marsh Street Park to convert the parcel into a natural public park and improve stormwater runoff quality and retention.

The proposed improvements include:

- Removal of pavement and exotic plant species;
- Minor park improvements including trails, amenities such as benches, interpretive markers, and information kiosk, etc. related to passive park uses;
- Grading and creation of stormwater detention areas, bioswales, and a cistern to slow down and filter stormwater runoff from three industrial buildings and adjacent street;
- Installation of cistern to collect rainwater and utilize it for landscape irrigation;
- Construction of small public restroom facility;
- Addition of mobile home or small residence for park ranger; and
- Additional areas outside the site may be redesigned so that their runoff flows onto this site and through the water retention system.

Construction of these improvements would occur over a 6-12 month period beginning in 2006.

### Findings:

An Initial Study has been prepared to assess the project's potential effects on the environment and the

- Potential adverse effects on air quality will be mitigated to a less than significant level by application of mitigation measures AQ 1-6 outlined below.
- Potential adverse effects on archaeological, paleontological, or human remains will be mitigated to a less than significant level by application of mitigation measures CR 1-3 outlined below.
- Potential adverse effects on noise exposure will be mitigated to a less than significant level by adherence to mitigation measures N 1-3 outlined below.
- Environmental analysis has concluded that the project will not significantly affect aesthetics, agriculture resources, biological resources, geology/soils, hazards/hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, landuse/planning, mineral resources, population/housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or utilities/service systems.
- Environmental analysis has also concluded that the project will have a beneficial effect on aesthetics, biological resources, geology/soils, hydrology/water quality, landuse/planning, population/housing, public services, recreation, and utilities/service systems.

### Mitigation Measures:

The following mitigation measures would be included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects:

- AQ- 1. All vehicles traveling on unpaved areas shall not exceed 15 miles per hour.
- AQ- 2. All trucks hauling dirt, sand, soil, or other loose material shall be covered.
- AQ- 3. All construction equipment shall be properly tuned and maintained.
- AQ- 4. Low-emission construction equipment (methanol, gasoline, electric, natural gas) shall be utilized, as feasible.
- AQ- 5. All construction equipment shall be turned off when not in use for extended periods of time.

- AQ- 6. Deliveries of construction materials and haul truck trips shall be scheduled during non-peak hours, if possible.
- CR- 1. If archaeological or paleontological resources, including human remains, are discovered during construction, all construction shall be suspended immediately and the MRCA shall employ a licensed archaeologist or paleontologist, and/or Native American representative and County coroner, as appropriate, to determine the significance of the find. If the expert consultant(s) determines that the find is unique or of other importance, all grading shall be suspended indefinitely, and the site shall be surveyed for additional resources, unless in the expert opinion of the consultant the find is isolated, in which case construction need be suspended only in the immediate area surrounding the find. If the resources discovered are unique or important, construction in the affected area shall not resume until they have been catalogued, stabilized, and/or removed, as described below.
- CR- 2. All handling of archaeological resources and human remains, if discovered during construction, shall be in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5.
- CR- 3. Any unique or important paleontological resources, if discovered during construction, shall be removed by a licensed paleontologist prior to resuming construction and donated to a museum or other appropriate entity.
- N- 1. All construction activities shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday. No construction shall be permitted on Sundays or federal holidays.
- N- 2. Muffled construction equipment shall be used whenever possible.
- N- 3. Rubber-tired construction equipment rather than track equipment shall be used whenever possible.

A copy of the Initial Study is attached. Questions or comments regarding this Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be addressed to:

Cara McLane  
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority  
570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100  
Los Angeles, CA 90065  
Cara.McLane@mrca.ca.gov

## INITIAL STUDY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

- 1 Project Title: **Marsh Street Park**
- 2 Local Agency Name and Address:  
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority  
570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100  
Los Angeles, CA 90065
- 3 Contact person and phone number:  
Paul Edelman, 310-589-3230, extension 128
- 4 Project Location: Los Angeles, CA  
2960 Marsh Street, 2961 Rosana Street  
2943 Gleneden Street
- 5 Project sponsor's name and address:  
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority ATTN: Cara McLane  
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Suite 100  
Los Angeles, CA 90065
- 6 General Plan Designation: Open Space  
Silver Lake-Echo Park Community Plan
- 7 Zoning: M2-1VL  
Light Industrial Zone
- 8 Description of the Project:  
  
Conversion of undeveloped parcel into natural public park. Removal of exotic plant species and pavement; minor trail improvements; minor grading; addition of minor amenities such as benches, interpretive markers and information kiosk, etc. related to passive park uses. Construction of small restroom facility and addition of mobile home residence for park ranger. Addition of water retention system (cistern + bioswale) for collection and treatment of storm water runoff from approx. 44,300 s.f. of roof. Additional areas outside the site may be redesigned so that their runoff flows onto this site and through the water retention system.
- 9 Surrounding land uses and setting:  
The property is located in the City of Los Angeles in the community of Elysian Valley.  
Adjacent land uses are industrial, vacant, residential, and park.
- 10 Other agencies whose approval is required:  
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering Permits Division

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology / Soils
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology / Water Quality
- Land Use / Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population / Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation / Traffic
- Utilities / Service Systems
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

**DETERMINATION**

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- 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 revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. 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.
- I find that the proposed project may have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only those effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Cara McLane  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority  
\_\_\_\_\_  
For

**Issues and Supporting Information**

Potentially Significant Impact  
 Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation  
 Less Than Significant Impact  
 No Impact

**I. AESTHETICS. Would the project:**

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?
- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?
- c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?
- d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

Discussion:

(a), (b) and (c): The project site is bare and does not offer any scenic vistas. The proposed project will develop the site as parkland, adding trees, shrubs, flowering perennials, and groundcovers. The new landscaping will be irrigated to ensure that it maintains a healthy green appearance. Views onto the site will be improved, resulting in a beneficial impact.

(d) The area is already lit at night with street lights. The addition of minor landscape lighting in the project will not significantly increase the amount of light or glare in the area. The impact will be less than significant.

**II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:**

- a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?
- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?
- c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural uses?

Discussion:

(a) through (c): There is no farmland on the proposed project site or in the vicinity. No agricultural operation exists and no Williamson Act contract has been executed. The project will not result in changes that could result in conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. No impact will result.

**III. AIR QUALITY. Would the project:**

- a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

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b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion:**

(a) The regional air quality plan is based on regional growth projections, and the project will not impact regional growth. No conflicts with the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan will result. No impact would result.

(b) The proposed park is not anticipated to generate traffic volumes capable of producing concentrations of pollutants that would violate air quality standards.

(c) Construction of the proposed project would temporarily increase emissions of dust and No<sub>x</sub>, due to the use of diesel-powered equipment and grading operations. The proposed project will not result in long-term increases of criteria pollutants or long-term cumulatively significant increases of criteria pollutants. Because construction emissions are temporary in nature, and diesel-powered trucks already traverse the site and nearby streets on a daily basis, there will be no permanent impact. The temporary impacts on ambient air quality would be significant without mitigation.

**Mitigation Measures:**

1. All vehicles traveling on unpaved areas shall not exceed 15 miles per hour.
2. All trucks hauling dirt, sand, soil, or other loose material shall be covered.
3. All construction equipment shall be properly tuned and maintained.
4. Low-emission construction equipment (methanol, gasoline, electric, natural gas) shall be utilized, as feasible.
5. All construction equipment shall be turned off when not in use for extended periods of time.
6. Deliveries of construction materials and haul truck trips shall be scheduled during non-peak hours, if possible.

**Level of Significance with Mitigation**

Implementation of the identified mitigation measures will reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level.

(d) No sensitive receptors will be affected by the project.

(e) The proposed project is a park that does not typically generate objectionable odors during construction or operation. No impact will result.

**IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:**

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 Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation  
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 No Impact

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?
- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as tree preservation policy or ordinance.
- f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

Discussion:

(a) through (f) The project site consists of bare soil, pavement, and industrial buildings. No biological resources of any kind are located on site. There are no candidate, sensitive, or special status species in the project area. There are no trees on site. There are no wetlands on the project site. The project site does not support the movement of wildlife. There is no adopted Habitat Conservation Plan or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

The proposed project would create biological habitat on the site through the addition of native plant materials, resulting in a beneficial impact.

**V. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:**

- a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?
- b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?
- c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?
- d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside formal cemeteries?

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Discussion:

(a): No historical resources will be affected by the project.

(b) through (d) The City of Los Angeles General Plan does not identify archaeological or paleontological resources at the project site. The site was developed previously and the land was substantially disturbed during construction the Los Angles River channel. No archaeological resources were identified in the Phase I Environmental Assessment. It is unlikely that unknown cultural resources would be discovered during construction grading.

Mitigation Measures if Cultural Resources are found:

1. If archaeological or paleontological resources, including human remains, are discovered during construction, all construction shall be suspended immediately and the MRCA shall employ a licensed archaeologist or paleontologist, and/or Native American representative and County coroner, as appropriate, to determine the significance of the find. If the expert consultant(s) determines that the find is unique or of other importance, all grading shall be suspended indefinitely, and the site shall be surveyed for additional resources, unless in the expert opinion of the consultant the find is isolated, in which case construction need be suspended only in the immediate area surrounding the find. If the resources discovered are unique or important, construction in the affected area shall not resume until they have been catalogued, stabilized, and/or removed, as described below.
2. All handling of archaeological resources and human remains, if discovered during construction, shall be in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5.
3. Any unique or important paleontological resources, if discovered during construction, shall be removed by a licensed paleontologist prior to resuming construction and donated to a museum or other appropriate entity.

Level of Significance with Mitigation

In the unlikely event that cultural resources are discovered during construction, implementation of the identified mitigation measures will ensure that impact is less than significant.

**VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:**

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury or death involving:

i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?

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ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

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iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

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iv) landslides?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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| b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Discussion:**

a (i through iv) and (c) The project site is located in Southern California, which is subject to a variety of geological phenomenon, including seismic events, due to its proximity to the boundary of the North American and Pacific tectonic plates. On-site geologic hazards due to seismicity are not substantially different than in most other areas in the region.

A review of the City of Los Angeles General Plan indicates that the project area is not included in a Special Studies Zone on the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map. The project site is located in an area susceptible to liquefaction. Since the project will be a park, the risk of damage from earthquakes on the site will be minimized. The only structures that may be constructed on site are limited to small storage facilities, one restroom facility, and a mobile home residence. All structures will be constructed to appropriate standards and codes for seismic stability.

(b): Grading for development will not result in a significant loss of topsoil or soil erosion. The proposed project will result in the project site being primarily permeable, allowing stormwater to percolate in to the ground, resulting in a beneficial impact.

(d): The project site's soil was identified as the Hanford Association in the Phase I Environmental Assessment. Hanford soils are more than 60 inches deep, are well drained, and have moderately rapid subsoil permeability. They have pale-brown coarse sandy loam surface layers about 8 inches thick underlain by light yellowish-brown coarse sandy loam and gravelly loamy coarse sand substratum. It is not an expansive soil. No impact will result.

**VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:**

- |   |                          |                          |                                     |                                     |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

**Discussion:**

(a), (b) and (d) A Phase I Environmental Assessment did not identify any hazardous materials on site. No hazardous emissions will be created by the project.

(a) through (b): Any proposed development would likely involve the use of diesel-powered heavy machinery and equipment. The presence of combustible fueled construction equipment does pose an increased risk of fire hazards in the event of an accident. Because the construction is temporary in nature, and diesel-powered trucks already traverse the site and nearby streets on a daily basis, the impact is less than significant.

(c) The project is not located within 1/4 mile of an existing or proposed school.

(e) through (h) This project is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport or private airstrip. No emergency response or evacuation plans are in place. No wildlands are in the project's vicinity. No impact will result.

**VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:**

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level?

c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including

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through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?

d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

**Discussion:**

(a) Currently stormwater on the proposed project site flows off buildings and directly into the adjacent Los Angeles River. The project will create several improvements, including bioswales, vegetated areas for infiltration, and a cistern to collect stormwater, that will have a beneficial impact on stormwater runoff. The resulting impact will be beneficial and will demonstrate best management practices.

(b) The removal of paving will result in improved permeability and improved water quality being re-charged into the aquifer. The project will include a cistern to collect stormwater and use it for supplemental irrigation, reducing the demand for potable water on site. The impact will be beneficial.

(c) The proposed project's grading will not result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site.

(d) The proposed project will create depressed vegetated areas for stormwater infiltration, resulting in temporary storage of water on site above-ground. The project will be engineered so that all areas will drain completely within 72 hours for vector control. The temporary storage of water could be considered to be on-site flooding, but this will not affect any residences or businesses. The impacts will be temporary in nature and less than significant.

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(e) and (f) In addition to the stormwater infiltration described under (d), the project will create one or more bioswales to filter stormwater runoff from three industrial buildings on site and surface runoff coming off of Rosanna Street. The proposed project will include the addition of landscaping and permeable surfaces, allowing stormwater to filter naturally through the site and percolate into the ground. The amount of stormwater runoff will be reduced, and the quality of runoff will be increased. The impacts will be beneficial.

(g) and (h): The proposed project site is located on the City of Los Angeles General Plan 100-Year Flood Plain map. The only structures that may be constructed on site are limited to small storage facilities, one restroom facility, and a mobile home. All structures will be constructed to appropriate standards and codes for flood protection. The mobile home will not be located in an area subject to flooding. No impact would result.

(i): The project does not include any modifications to the existing flood control infrastructure. One residence for a park ranger may be constructed, in the area of the site closest to existing residential properties. Although the property is adjacent to the Los Angeles River Flood Control channel, the increased possibility of risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding will be minimal. The impact will be less than significant.

(j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow is not likely. The proposed project site is not located within an area of Inundation Hazard as identified in the City of Los Angeles General Plan. There will be no impact.

**IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:**

a) Physically divide an established community?

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b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

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c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

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**Discussion:**

(a) The proposed project site is composed of vacant land and industrial buildings. The site is within the community of Elysian Valley and at the end of a dead-end street. The project will add a public park amenity to the Elysian Valley area and provide access to the planned Los Angeles River Bikeway, helping to unite the community. The impact will be beneficial.

(b) The applicable plans include the City of Los Angeles General Plan (specifically, the Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan), the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan, and the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan.

The project is in conformance with the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan and the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan, and will not result in any impacts.

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The proposed project's land use, park / recreation, will bring the site into conformance with the land use designated in the City of Los Angeles General Plan, adopted as part of the Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan dated 8/11/04. The impact will be beneficial.

(c) There is no known applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan for the project area. No impact would result.

**X. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:**

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?

Discussion:

(a) through (b): There are no known mineral resources on the proposed project site. The project area is not identified in the City of Los Angeles General Plan as having important mineral resources. No impact will result.

**XI. NOISE. Would the project result in :**

a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

Discussion:

(a) and (b): Grading and other construction activities could generate noise levels in excess of applicable standards, and/or result in groundborne vibration or noise levels, but the impacts will be temporary and less than significant.

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(c): Ambient noise levels may increase in the project area during weekends and periods of high use. There may be a temporary increase in ambient noise levels in the project area that exceeds levels currently existing due to construction activities. The ambient noise level is currently affected by the surrounding land uses. The proposed project site is adjacent to industrial and residential land uses, and the Los Angeles River Flood Control channel. The impacts will be less than significant.

(d) Construction of the project will result in temporary impacts to noise levels, raising them above current levels. The temporary impacts on noise would be significant without mitigation.

**Mitigation Measures**

1. All construction activities shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday. No construction shall be permitted on Sundays or federal holidays.
2. Muffled construction equipment shall be used whenever possible.
3. Rubber-tired construction equipment rather than track equipment shall be used whenever possible.

**Level of Significance After Mitigation**

Implementation of the identified mitigation measures will ensure that impact is less than significant.

(b): Grading and other construction activities could result in groundborne vibration or noise levels, but the result will be less than significant.

(c) through (d) Ambient noise levels may increase in the project area during weekends and periods of high use. There may be a temporary increase in ambient noise levels in the project area that exceeds levels currently existing due to construction activities. The impacts will be less than significant.

(e) through (f) The project area is not located within an airport land use plan or private airstrip.

**XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:**

a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly or indirectly?

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b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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(a) through (c): Development of the proposed park is not likely to increase population. The project area is currently vacant, and there is no existing housing that will be displaced. The project will create a public park amenity in a densely populated neighborhood. The impact will be beneficial.

**XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES.**

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

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Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

The proposed project will not induce population growth either directly or indirectly. In the case of fire protection, the project may have a beneficial impact because the site will become irrigated. In the case of police protection, the proposed park will be patrolled and maintained by the MRCA Ranger force, which consists of sworn peace officers. The addition of MRCA Rangers in the project area may have a beneficial effect on police protection. No change in demand for governmental facilities is expected. The proposed park will add an amenity to the area and will not increase usage of other parks. Maintenance will be performed by the MRCA and no responsibilities will be added to the City of Los Angeles' staff. No impact will result.

**XIV. RECREATION.**

a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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(a) through (b): The proposed project is a park, and will add a recreational amenity to the area. The park will be developed as a nature park with passive recreational activities, such as picnics, hiking, and bird-watching. The proposed park may result in a slight decrease in the use of other parks in the area. No impact will result.

**XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:**

- a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system?
- b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?
- c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?
- d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses?
- e) Result in inadequate emergency access?
- f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?

**Discussion:**

(a): Additional traffic is expected at the Rosanna Street entrance, which is not currently open to vehicles. The additional traffic will have a less than significant impact.

(b) The proposed project will not cause a significant impact on the county's level of service standard. No impact will result.

(c): Air traffic patterns will not be affected. No impact will result.

(d): There are no anticipated increased hazards due to a design feature or incompatible use. No impact will result.

(e): Emergency access to the project area will be affected. The site is not located on the City of Los Angeles General Plan's Critical Facilities and Lifeline Systems map. No impact will result.

(f): The proposed park would not typically result in a large demand for parking. The project will include parking for up to 20 cars. On-street parking is available on Rosanna Street. No impact would result.

**XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:**

- a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

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b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

(a) through (b) and (d) through (g) The proposed project will not generate significant volumes of trash, water or storm water. Compliance with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations relating to solid waste is anticipated. No impact will result.

(c) The proposed park will remove existing pavement on site and add vegetation throughout the site. Currently stormwater runs off the site directly into the Los Angeles River. After the project is completed, stormwater will have additional vegetated area in which to infiltrate, causing a reduction in runoff and a beneficial impact. The project will create one or more bioswales to filter storm water runoff coming from three adjacent industrial buildings, resulting in cleaner water entering the river and a beneficial impact.

**XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.**

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 and pre-history?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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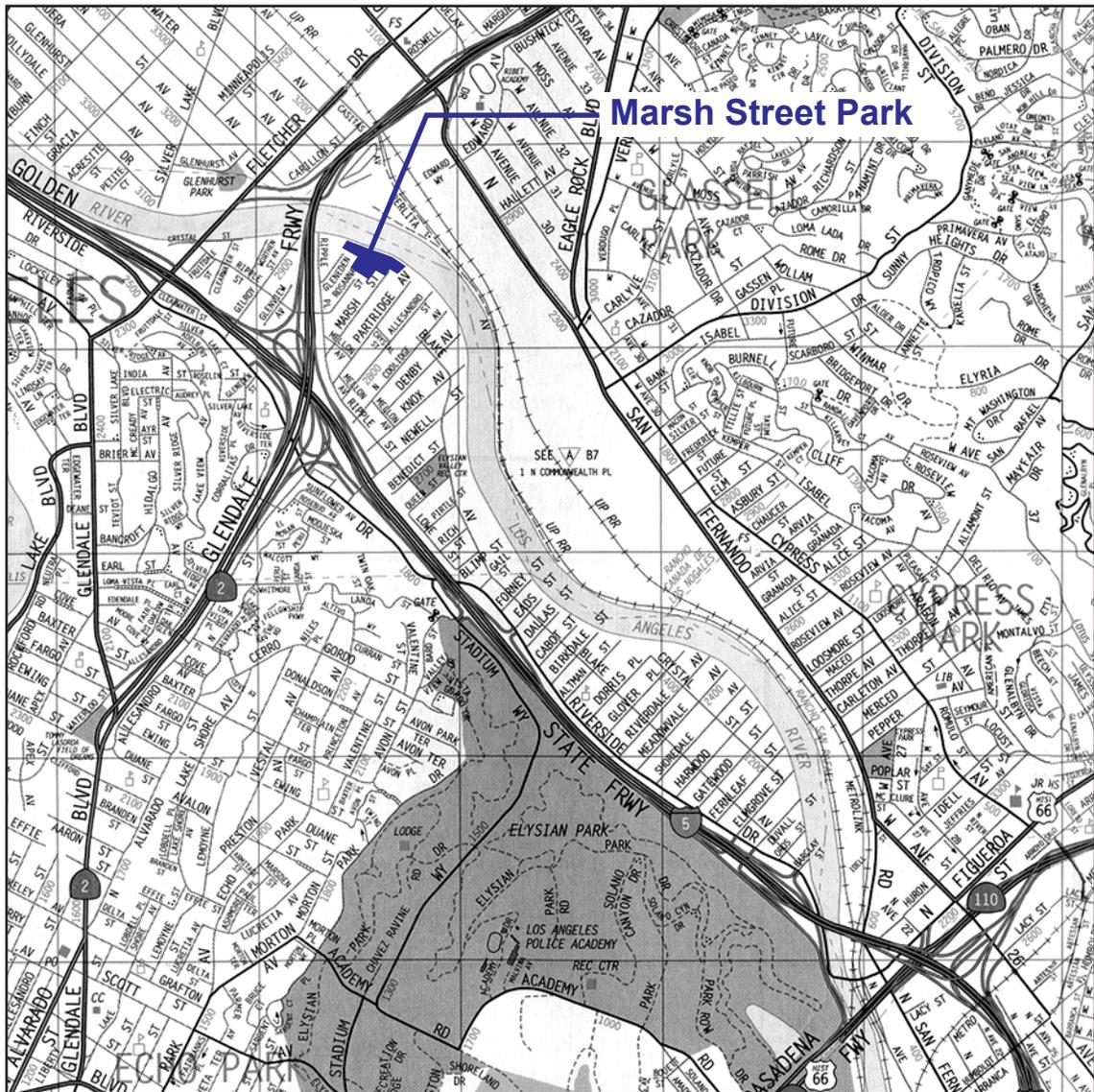
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(a) As discussed previously, the proposed park will not affect biological, historical, or cultural resources. Impact will be less than significant.

(b) There are few other development projects in the area. As the proposed park will have several beneficial impacts, no substantial cumulative effects will result.

(c) In general, parks are not known to result in unusual hazards or detrimental environmental effects. The MRCA will comply with all OSHA requirements to ensure the safety of construction and maintenance personnel.

Since all impacts related to adverse effects on human beings either will be mitigated to a less-than-significant level, or will be less than significant without mitigation, the proposed project will not result in substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

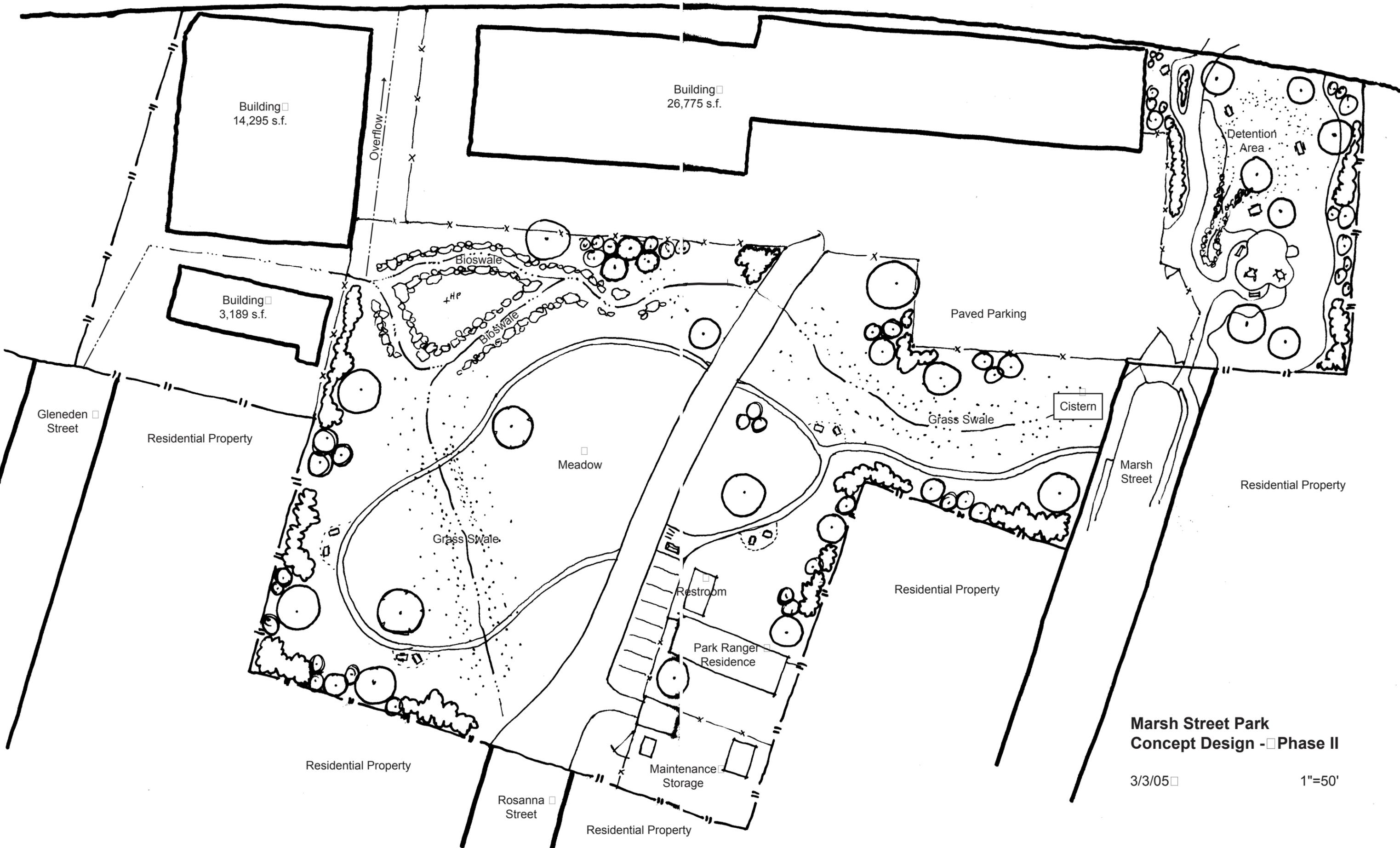


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