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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED
ESCONDIDO CANYON PARK TO MURPHY WAY CONNECTOR PROJECT

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is releasing a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) on the proposed Escondido Canyon to Murphy Way Connector Project.

Project Location and Description: The Escondido Canyon Park to Murphy Way Connector Project (Project) would construct a 3,900 foot (0.74-mile) long multi-purpose trail located entirely within the City of Malibu (City). The proposed multi-use trail would connect Murphy Way with the existing Escondido Falls Trail, to provide additional access to Escondido Canyon Park. The proposed trail would traverse two parcels which are surrounded by undeveloped lands, public park lands, and low-density single-family residential development. The entire segment of the proposed trail would be designed as a multi-use trail, 3 feet in width and with stability and grade sufficient to provide safe use for a variety of users, including walkers, hikers, bikers, and equestrians.

Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant environmental effects that are addressed in the Draft IS/MND include, but not limited to, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, and traffic and transportation. All of the potential significant environmental impacts were found to be avoided or would result in less than significant impacts with the incorporation of mitigation measures. Reviewers should focus on the content and accuracy of the Draft IS/MND in discussing potential impacts upon the environment and mitigation measures.

Public Review Period: The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 45-day review period, starting from **January 4th, 2019** through **February 18th, 2019**. Persons responding are urged to submit their comments in writing. Written comments need to be delivered to MRCA, at the address listed below or by e-mail, by no later than 5 p.m. on February 18, 2019 to be considered.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Jessica Nguyen. Copies of the IS/MND are available for review online at MRCA's website at: www.mrca.ca.gov/about/land-use-planning-documents/. Physical copies of the document have also been made available for review by the public at the addresses below:

Malibu Library
23519 West Civic Center Way
Malibu, CA 90265

Malibu City Hall
23825 Stuart Ranch Road
Malibu, CA 90265