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CITY OF TURLOCK
X Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

November 8, 2018

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144 S. Broadway Avenue
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Telephone: (209) 668-5594
Project located in Stanislaus County.
Time period provided for review: 30 days.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT TITLE: Turlock Regional Sports Complex Lighting Project

SCH #:

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Turlock Parks and Recreation Department

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project would involve installation of athletic field lighting at the Turlock Regional Sports Complex, a community sports facility that includes nine soccer fields and two softball diamonds. The project would include lighting at the City's two softball fields located at the southwestern and southeastern corners of the complex. Installation of the new sports lighting system would include a total of 12 lighting poles ranging in height from approximately 70 to 80 feet tall, arranged as six poles around the perimeter of each softball field. Excavations for the installation of the lighting poles would be 36 inches in diameter to a depth of 14 feet. The lights would be controlled by a wireless system using cell signals. The new sports lighting system is anticipated to be used up to seven days per week, on average from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a total of 35 hours per week.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Turlock Regional Sports Complex is approximately 27 acres located at 4545 North Kilroy Road in Turlock, California. The Assessor Parcel Number for the project site is 087-002-028. The project site is located approximately 0.6 mile east of State Route 99 and the John H. Pitman High School sports facilities are located directly adjacent to and south of the project site.

RESPONSE PERIOD STARTS: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

RESPONSE PERIOD ENDS: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 @ 5:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING:

The City of Turlock will hold a public meeting on the project and the IS-MND on November 14, 2018, 6:00 PM, at John H. Pitman High School, 2525 W Christoffersen Parkway, Turlock, CA 95382. Any interested party or agent may appear and be heard.

The City of Turlock will present the IS-MND findings to the Turlock City Council on January 22, 2019 to make a final determination. Any interested parties may appear at the Council meeting and be heard.

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(c)(2) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(1), the City of Turlock, as lead agency for the proposed project, has prepared an initial study to make the following findings:

1. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, the proposed activity is adequately described and is within the scope of the General Plan EIR.
2. All feasible mitigation measures developed in the General Plan EIR have been incorporated into the project.
3. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21080(c)(2) and 21157.5, the initial study prepared for the proposed project has identified potential new or significant effects that were not adequately analyzed in the General Plan EIR, but feasible mitigation measures have been incorporated to revise the proposed subsequent project to avoid or mitigate the identified effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur.
4. There is no substantial evidence before the lead agency that the subsequent project, as revised, may have a significant effect on the environment.
5. The analyses of cumulative impacts, growth inducing impacts, and irreversible significant effects on the environment contained in the General Plan EIR are adequate for this subsequent project.
6. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093, a Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the General Plan EIR by Turlock City Council Resolution 2012-156. As identified in the Turlock General Plan EIR, development in the project area would result in significant, and unavoidable, impacts in the areas of transportation, noise, regional air quality, and the eventual loss of agricultural land and soil resources. The magnitude of these impacts can be reduced, but not eliminated by the mitigation measures referenced in the initial study prepared for this project and General Plan EIR. Therefore, mitigation measures identified in the General Plan EIR, and its respective Statements of Overriding Considerations (contained in Turlock City Council Resolution No. 2012-0156), are adequate to mitigate the impacts from the proposed project where feasible, and are hereby incorporated by reference.
7. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.6(a), having reviewed the General Plan EIR, the City of Turlock finds and determines that:
 - a. no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the General Plan EIR was certified, and
 - b. that there is no new available information which was not and could not have been known at the time the General Plan EIR was certified.

Documents used in preparation of this Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, are available for public review at:

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You can view the Initial Study Checklist and any related documents for this project on our website at:
<http://www.cityofturlock.org/buildinginturlock/planninglandusepermitting/activeenvironmentaldocuments/>

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Enclosure: Initial Study
Site Plan

Figure 2 Project Location

