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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that create or contribute runoff water are included. No impact is expected.

f. *Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? ()*

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that degrade water quality are included. No impact is expected.

g. *Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or dam inundation area as shown in the City of Pasadena adopted Safety Element of the General Plan or other flood or inundation delineation map? ()*

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WHY? No portions of the City of Pasadena are within a 100-year floodplain identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As shown on FEMA map Community Number 065050, the entire City is in Zone D, for which no floodplain management regulations are required.

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

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WHY? No portions of the City of Pasadena are within a 100-year floodplain identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As shown on FEMA map Community Number 065050, the entire City is in Zone D, for which no floodplain management regulations are required.

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? ()*

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WHY? No portions of the City of Pasadena are within a 100-year floodplain identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As shown on FEMA map Community Number 065050, the entire City is in Zone D, for which no floodplain management regulations are required. There are two dam inundation pathways in the City of Pasadena – the Devil's Gate Dam and Eaton Wash Dam inundation pathways. However, the proposed project would not expose people or structures to risk of loss, injury, or death since no physical improvements are included in the requested approval.

j. *Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? ()*

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WHY? The City of Pasadena is not located near enough to any inland bodies of water or the Pacific Ocean to be inundated by either a seiche or tsunami. For mudflow see responses to 9. Geology and Soils a. iii and iv regarding seismic hazards such as liquefaction and landslides.

12. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:

a. *Physically divide an existing community?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that physically divide an existing community are included. No impact is expected.

b. *Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that conflict with applicable land use plans are included. No impact is expected.

c. *Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan (HCP) or natural community conservation plan (NCCP)?* ()

WHY? Currently, there are no adopted Habitat Conservation or Natural Community Conservation Plans within the City of Pasadena. There are also no approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plans.

13. 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?* ()

WHY? No active mining operations exist in the City of Pasadena. There are two areas in Pasadena that may contain mineral resources. These two areas are Eaton Wash, which, was formerly mined for sand and gravel, and Devils Gate Reservoir, which was formerly mined for cement concrete aggregate. The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that involve mining in these areas are included. No impact is expected.

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?* ()

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WHY? The City's 2004 General Plan Land Use Element does not identify any mineral recovery sites within the City. Furthermore, there are no mineral-resource recovery sites shown in the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan; or the 1999 "Aggregate Resources in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area" map published by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology. No active mining operations exist in the City of Pasadena and mining is not currently allowed within any of the City's designated land uses. Therefore, the proposed project would have no impacts related to the loss of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site. See also Section 13.a.

14. NOISE. Will 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?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that expose persons to or generate excessive noise are included. No impact is expected.

- b. *Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that expose persons to or generate excessive groundborne vibration are included. No impact is expected.

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

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WHY? See response to 14.a. The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that increase ambient noise are included. No impact is expected.

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

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that temporarily increase ambient noise levels are included. No impact is expected.

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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? ()

WHY? There are no airports or airport land-use plans in the City of Pasadena. The closest airport is the Bob Hope Airport (formerly the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport), which is located more than 10 miles from Pasadena in the City of Burbank. Therefore, the proposed project would not expose people to excessive airport related noise and would have no associated impacts.

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? ()

WHY? There are no private-use airports or airstrips within or near the City of Pasadena.

15. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:

a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? ()

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that induce substantial population growth are included. No impact is expected.

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

The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that displace housing are included. No impact is expected.

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

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that displace people are included. No impact is expected.

16. PUBLIC SERVICES. Will 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

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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:

a. *Fire Protection?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that require additional fire protection are included. No impact is expected.

b. *Libraries?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that require additional libraries are included. No impact is expected.

c. *Parks?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. The Element and Plan provide policy direction for existing and future parks in Pasadena. No negative impact on parks is expected.

d. *Police Protection?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that require additional police protection are included. No impact is expected.

e. *Schools?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that require additional schools are included. No impact is expected.

f. *Other public facilities?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that require additional public facilities are included. No impact is expected.

17. 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?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. The project itself would not lead to substantial physical deterioration of any recreational facilities, and would have no related impacts. The project establishes policies for maintaining and creating park and recreation facilities.

- 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?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. The project itself would not lead to substantial physical deterioration of any recreational facilities, and would have no related impacts. The project establishes policies for maintaining and creating park and recreation facilities.

18. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:

- a. *Cause an increase in traffic that is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that could increase traffic are included. No impact is expected.

- b. *Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that exceed level of service standards are included. No impact is expected.

- 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?* ()

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WHY? The project site is not within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport. Consequently, the proposed project would not affect any airport facilities and would not cause a change in the directional patterns of aircraft. Therefore, the proposed project would have no impact to air traffic patterns.

d. *Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? ()*

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that increase hazards are included. No impact is expected.

e. *Result in inadequate emergency access? ()*

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that result in inadequate emergency access are included. No impact is expected.

f. *Result in inadequate parking capacity? ()*

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that result in inadequate parking capacity are included. No impact is expected.

g. *Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g. bus turnouts, bicycle racks)? ()*

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs are included. No impact is expected.

19. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:

a. *Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? ()*

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WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that exceed wastewater treatment requirements are included. No impact is expected.

- 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? ()*

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that require construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities are included. No impact is expected.

- c. *Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ()*

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that require construction of storm water drainage facilities are included. No impact is expected.

- d. *Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? ()*

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that require additional water supplies are included. No impact is expected.

- 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? ()*

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that could result in a determination of inadequate capacity are included. No impact is expected.

- f. *Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? ()*

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g. *Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that create solid waste are included. No impact is expected.

20. EARLIER ANALYSIS.

Earlier analysis may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. See CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(c)(3)(D).

Earlier Analysis Used. The following documents can be used for analysis of the project's environmental effects:

- *Draft Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element of the General Plan*
- *Draft Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan*

These documents are available for review at the City's web site: www.cityofpasadena.net – click on Green Space Element.

In addition, the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Land Use and Mobility Elements, Central District Specific Plan, and Zoning Code Revision, which is available at the City's web site: <http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/planning/deptorg/commplng/GenPlan/gpeir.asp>

a) **Impacts Adequately Addressed.** (Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.)

N/A

b) **Mitigation Measures.** For effects that are "less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures, which were incorporated or refined from the earlier documents and the extent to which address site-specific conditions for the project.

N/A

21. 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 or prehistory?* ()

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WHY? As discussed in Sections 3 and 5 of this document, the proposed project would not have substantial impacts to Aesthetics or Air Quality. Also, as discussed in Section 6 and 11, the proposed project would not have substantial impacts to special status species, stream habitat, and wildlife dispersal and migration. Furthermore, the proposed project would not affect the local, regional, or national populations or ranges of any plant or animal species, and would not threaten any plant communities. Similarly, as discussed in Section 7, the proposed project would not have substantial impacts to historical, archaeological, or paleontological resources, and thus, would not eliminate any important examples of California history or prehistory. As discussed in Sections 11, 13 and 14, the proposed project would not have substantial impacts to Water Quality, Mineral Resources or Noise.

Therefore, the project will not substantially degrade the quality of the land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, noise and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

b. *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 project? ())*

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that have cumulative impacts are included. No impact is expected.

c. *Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? ())*

WHY? The project is the City's *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan*. No physical improvements or other components that will create substantial adverse effects on human beings are included. No impact is expected.

INITIAL STUDY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

#	Document
1	Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, California Public Resources Code, revised January 1, 1994 official Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles and Pasadena quadrant maps were released March 25, 1999.
2	CEQA Air Quality Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, revised 1993
3	East Pasadena Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department, codified 2001
4	Energy Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 1983
5	Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department codified 2002
6	Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) Land Use and Mobility Elements of the General Plan, Zoning Code Revisions, and Central District Specific Plan, City of Pasadena, certified 2004
7	2000-2005 Housing Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2002.
8	Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 17.71 Ordinance #6868
9	Land Use Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2004
10	Mobility Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2004
11	Noise Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2002
12	Noise Protection Ordinance Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 9.36 Ordinances # 5118, 6132, 6227, 6594 and 6854
13	North Lake Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department, Codified 1997
14	Pasadena Municipal Code, as amended
15	Recommendations On Siting New Sensitive Land Uses, California Air Resources Board, May 2005
16	Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide, "Growth Management Chapter," Southern California Association of Governments, June 1994
17	Safety Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2002
18	Scenic Highways Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 1975
19	Seismic Hazard Maps, California Department of Conservation, official Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles and Pasadena quadrant maps were released March 25, 1999. The preliminary map for Condor Peak was released in 2002.
20	South Fair Oaks Specific Plan Overlay District Planning and Development, codified 1998
21	State of California "Aggregate Resource in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area" by David J. Beeby, Russell V. Miller, Robert L. Hill, and Robert E. Grunwald, Miscellaneous map no. .010, copyright 1999, California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology
22	Storm Water and Urban Runoff Control Regulations Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 8.70 Ordinance #6837
23	Transportation Impact Review Current Practice and Guidelines, City of Pasadena, August, 2005
24	Tree Protection Ordinance Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 8.52 Ordinance # 6896
25	West Gateway Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department codified 2001
26	Zoning Code, Chapter 17 of the Pasadena Municipal Code



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PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT TITLE: General Plan Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element & Master Plan

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Pasadena
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PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide
City of Pasadena
County of Los Angeles
State of California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element contains the overall policies and objectives for parks, recreation and green spaces. The Master Plan contains the priorities and implementation actions that follow from the overall policies of the Element. The Master Plan is organized into six sections:

- Introduction
- Existing Recreation Facilities
- Existing Recreation Programs
- Needs Analysis
- Recommendations
- Funding & Implementation

The documents include a detailed inventory of existing City parks and recreation facilities and programs available to Pasadena residents. Along with the inventories, the Element and Master Plan include information about how facilities and programs are being used with information provided by users and service providers. An extensive public outreach program was conducted, which included: a community-wide survey, four community workshops, and interviews. The Element/Master Plan includes recommendations and funding/implementation strategies; however, does not identify any specific green space, park, or recreational improvements. No physical changes to the environment are proposed and no physical changes are expected to directly result from adoption of the Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element and Master Plan.

FINDING

On the basis of the initial study on file in the Current Planning Office:

The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment.

The proposed project COULD have a significant effect on the environment, however there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in the Mitigation Monitoring Program on file in the Planning Division Office were adopted to reduce the potential impacts to a level of insignificance.

The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Completed by:

Title: Laura F. Dahl

Date: 9/4/2007

Determination Approved:

Title:

Date:

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:

COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT: Yes No

INITIAL STUDY REVISED: Yes No