



Notice of Public Comment and Review Period for the Mission Trails Regional Park, Former Camp Elliott, San Diego



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 14, 2007 to June 13, 2007

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for a Surface Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) at Mission Trails Regional Park. Due to the past military usage of the area, munitions explosives of concern (MEC) may be present in the project area. As a result, a removal action (cleanup) is required to make sure the public safety of the park. A Mitigated Negative Declaration is the determination by DTSC that the proposed project would not result in a significant negative impact to the environment should the project proceed as currently proposed. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The proposed project area, about 700 acres, is part of the Mission Trails Regional Park located within Camp Elliott. A Formerly Used Defense Site, Camp Elliott occupied 30,500 acres of land and was used for live-fire training, artillery and machine gun ranges. The cleanup proposal called Removal Action Work Plan includes a geophysical/ordnance survey, minimal clearing of vegetation, ordnance identification and detonation in-place if MEC is found. The Army Corps of Engineers will have an archeologist and biologist on site to ensure that cultural and biological resources are protected from the project activities.

The proposed action is part of the Department of Defense's Environmental Restoration Program for cleaning up contamination resulting from past activities at military bases. Since DTSC will make a decision on cleanup activities, CEQA, a state law, requires DTSC to review the proposed cleanup actions to make sure that those actions themselves will not harm the environment. DTSC's review concluded that the activities associated with the proposed project with mitigated measures will not result in any such effects.

The 30-day public comment period begins on May 14, 2007 and extends through June 13, 2007 for the CEQA draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. These documents, along with all the reports related to this project, are available at the San Diego County library, Santee Branch, located at 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd. in Santee, 92071. We also have them at our agency's office, Department of Toxic Substances Control at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, California, 90630. Please call the File Room Coordinator at (714) 484-5336, to make an appointment. All comments must be postmarked by June 13, 2007 and will be considered by DTSC before a final decision is made. For more information, please call DTSC's Project Manager, Ms. Katherine Leibel at (714) 484-5446 or DTSC's Public Participation Specialist, Leticia Hernandez at (714) 484-5488 or the toll-free number 1 (866) 495-5651.

Para información en español por favor contacte a Leticia Hernández por teléfono al (714) 484-5488 o al numero gratis 1-866-495-5651.

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED:

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