

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Appendix C

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # _____

Project Title: _____

Lead Agency: _____ Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Project Location:

County: _____ City/Nearest Community: _____

Cross Streets: _____ Zip Code: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____

Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| <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 _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| Total Acres (approx.) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <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"/> Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning (Headquarters) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry & Fire Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Emergency Services | |

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

Starting Date _____ Ending Date _____

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____	Phone: _____
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ Date: _____



NOTICE OF PREPARATION

- To:** State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Individuals
- Subject:** Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Los Caballos Equestrian Campground Project
- Lead Agency:** California Department of Parks and Recreation
Acquisition and Development Division
Southern Service Center
8885 Rio San Diego, Suite 270
San Diego, California 92108
Contact: Michael Van Antwerp
- Consultant:** EDAW, Inc.
1420 Kettner Boulevard Suite 620
San Diego, California 92101
Contact: Bobbette Bidulph

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project described below. The project description, location, and potential environmental effects of the proposed project (to the extent presently known) are contained in this Notice of Preparation (NOP). Interested persons, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to comment on the scope and content of the information to be included and analyzed in the EIR. Agencies should comment on the elements of the environmental information that are relevant to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, any response to this NOP should be sent at the earliest possible date, but **not later than 30 days** after issuance of this notice, which is dated October 5, 2005.

Please send your written response to Michael Van Antwerp, DPR Southern Services Project Manager at the address shown above. Responses should include the name of a contact person at your agency.

A scoping meeting, pursuant to Public Resource Code 21083.9, will be held for the project Wednesday, November 9, 2005, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Mission Valley Marriott, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego, CA 92108.

All files and documents pertaining to this project are available for review at DPR Southern Services offices located at the address shown above.

Project Title: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Los Caballos Equestrian Campground Project EIR

Project Location: The project site is the existing Los Caballos Equestrian Campground and surrounding area, located in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The project site is located, north of Descanso, off of State Route 79, on Stonewall Mine Road, in San Diego County. In October 2003, the Cedar Fire swept through the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, destroying the facilities associated with the Los Caballos Equestrian Campground. Figure 1 shows the location of and configuration of the campground prior to the fires.

Project Schedule: The NOP public review period will end November 7, 2005. The Draft EIR is expected to be complete and available for public review in February 2006. Finalization and certification of the EIR is expected to occur in July 2006.

Project Description: The proposed project is the reconfiguration of the Los Caballos Equestrian Campground located within the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Prior to the 2003 Cedar Fire, the Los Caballos Equestrian Campground provided rustic equestrian camping and recreational experiences for California State Parks visitors over the past five decades. Prior to the fire, the Los Caballos Campground provided 18 campsites and a day use area.

The purpose of the project is to restore the equestrian camping facilities that were previously offered prior to the October 2003, Cedar Fire. The goals of the project are:

- Provide facilities comparable to those facilities lost in the Cedar Fire in the area known as Los Caballos while minimizing natural and cultural resource impacts
- Improve the equestrian recreational experience at Los Caballos

The project is currently in the design development phase. To the degree possible given the environmental constraints at the Los Caballos site, the alternatives examined in the EIR will provide the recreational opportunities lost in the Cedar Fire. Several alternatives are currently being developed and considered in the EIR for their comparative recreational values and environmental impacts. The objective of the EIR will be to examine the range of environmental issues associated with the alternatives and identify the potential environmental impacts of implementation of each of the alternatives. In addition, the degree to which each option meets the project objectives will be examined.

Potential Environmental Effects: In compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126, and based on the existing natural resources and anticipated campground uses, potential

environmental effects that will likely be addressed in the EIR include but will not be limited to: biological resources, cultural resources, visual resources, and water quality. As appropriate, mitigation measures will be proposed to reduce significant impacts.

Intended Use of the EIR: The Department of Parks and Recreation intend to use the EIR for consideration of the environmental effects, mitigation measures, and alternatives, when reviewing the proposed Los Caballos Equestrian Campground Project for approval. The EIR will serve as the States CEQA compliance document as well as to serve responsible agencies as needed in the future for subsequent discretionary actions.

In addition, the Department of Parks and Recreation may be utilizing federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for implementation of a portion of the project. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance would be required for the use of federal funds, with FEMA as the federal lead agency. To the extent possible, the information and analysis in the EIR will be available to FEMA as the basis for required NEPA documentation.

Date: October 6, 2005

Signature: _____

Title: PROJECT MANAGER

Attachments: Figure 1, Project Location Map

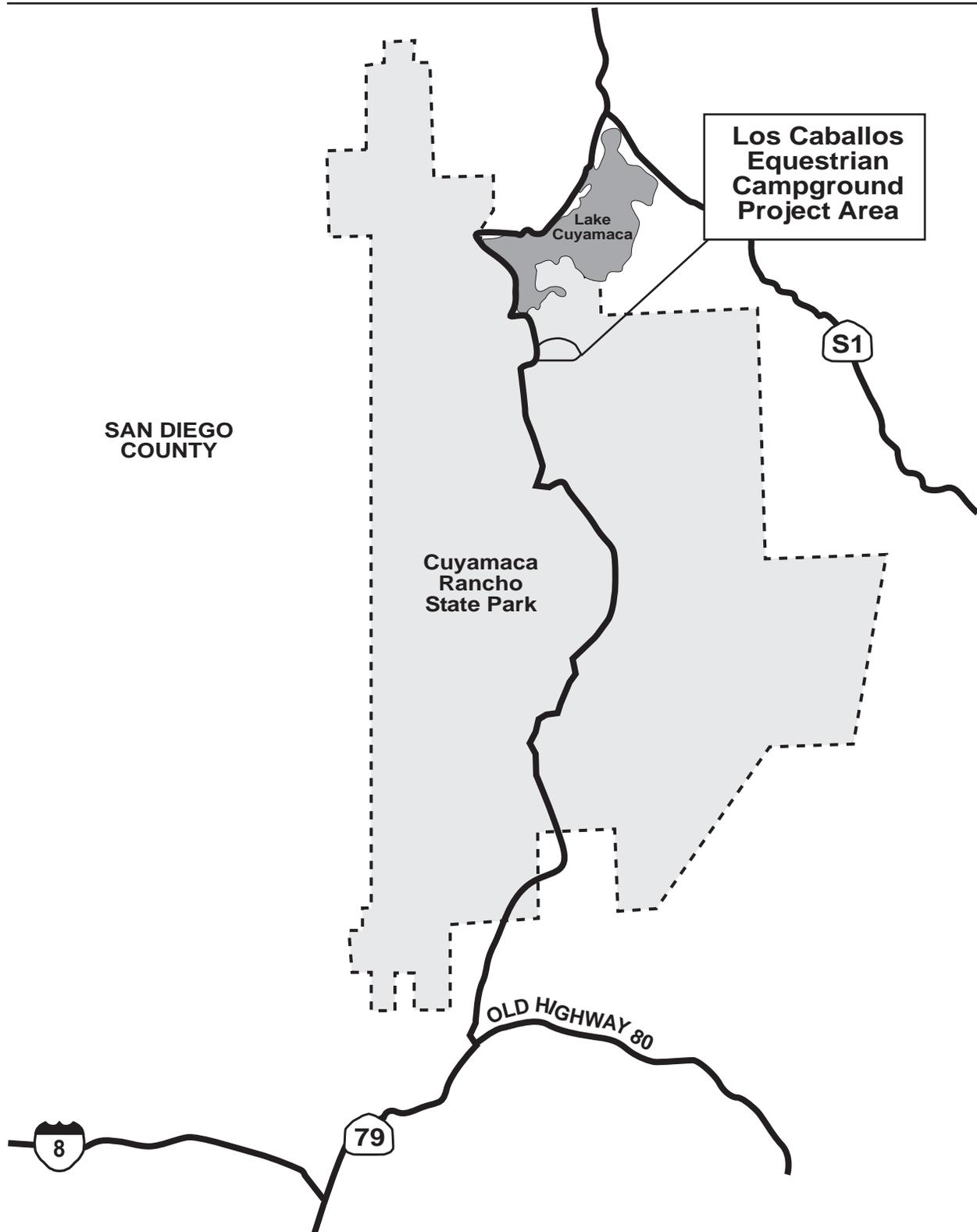


Figure 1
Project Location



No Scale