

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Project: Yucca Valley Athletics Facility
Lead Agency: Town of Yucca Valley
Applicant: Town of Yucca Valley
Review Period: September 18, 2024 to October 21, 2024 (30 days)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Yucca Valley (Town) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Yucca Valley Athletics Facility project.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15050, the Town of Yucca Valley is the lead Agency for the project. The purpose of this notice is to (1) serve as a notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt the IS/MND and (2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the IS/MND.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located on the Yucca Valley Community Center property at 57090 29 Palms Highway in the Town of Yucca Valley in the southwestern side of San Bernadino County. The proposed project would encompass approximately 2.9-acres of the north side of the Yucca Valley Community Center property (project site). Regional access to the Yucca Valley Community Center is provided by Twentynine Palms Highway/State Route 62 (SR-62), which runs west-east through the Town, and Old Woman Springs Road/State Route 247 (SR-247), which runs in a north to south direction at the northern half of the Town. State Route 62 and SR-247 are approximately 0.20 and 0.25 miles away from the project site, respectively. The proposed project site is bounded by a drainage channel to the north, the athletic facilities associated with the Yucca Valley Community Center to the west, the Yucca Valley Community Center and Hi-Desert Nature Museum to the south, and the Sky Village Outdoor Marketplace and retail uses to the east. Residential uses are located further south and west of the project site. A water retention area and commercial uses are across the drainage channel to the north and east of the project site. See Figures 1, *Local Vicinity*, and 2, *Aerial Photograph*.

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The project site is developed with a skate park, two basketball courts, a parking lot, an approximate 1,300 square foot storage building, and temporary storage containers. Areas onsite that are not developed are disturbed, and there are also trees throughout the project site. See Figure 2, *Aerial Photograph*.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Town proposes to redevelop the project site with sixteen pickleball courts (two are proposed at a future date), two basketball courts, tables and seating areas and bleachers with shade structures, and a restroom building. The proposed project also includes expanding the parking lot, demolishing and reconstructing the skate park, and installing new fencing and landscaping throughout the project site. See Figure 3, *Site Plan*. No subterranean levels are proposed. Construction of the proposed project would occur over three phases.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The Town has prepared an Initial Study to determine the proposed project's potential impact on the environment. The Town has determined that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, but by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the proposed project's impacts could be reduced to less than significant levels. Accordingly, the Town intends to adopt an MND.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: The Town invites you to comment on the IS/MND. The IS/MND will be available for a 30-day public review from September 18, 2024 to October 21, 2024. We ask that any person wishing to comment on the IS/MND provide written comments by the end of the public review period at 5:00 p.m., October 21, 2024.

Copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the following location:

Town of Yucca Valley
Community Development Department
58928 Business Center Drive
Yucca Valley, California 92284

The document can also be accessed online at: <http://www.yucca-valley.org/our-town/departments/public-works-engineering/community-center-athletic-facility-masterplan>

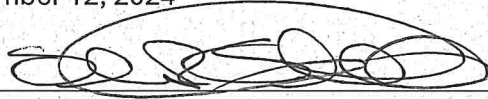
You may send comments by email or mail to the addresses below:

Town of Yucca Valley
Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager
58928 Business Center Drive, Yucca Valley, California 92284
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Public Hearing: A public hearing has not yet been scheduled. A separate notice of public hearing will be circulated pursuant to all applicable public noticing requirements once a public hearing has been scheduled.

Date: September 12, 2024

Signature: _____

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Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager
Town of Yucca Valley

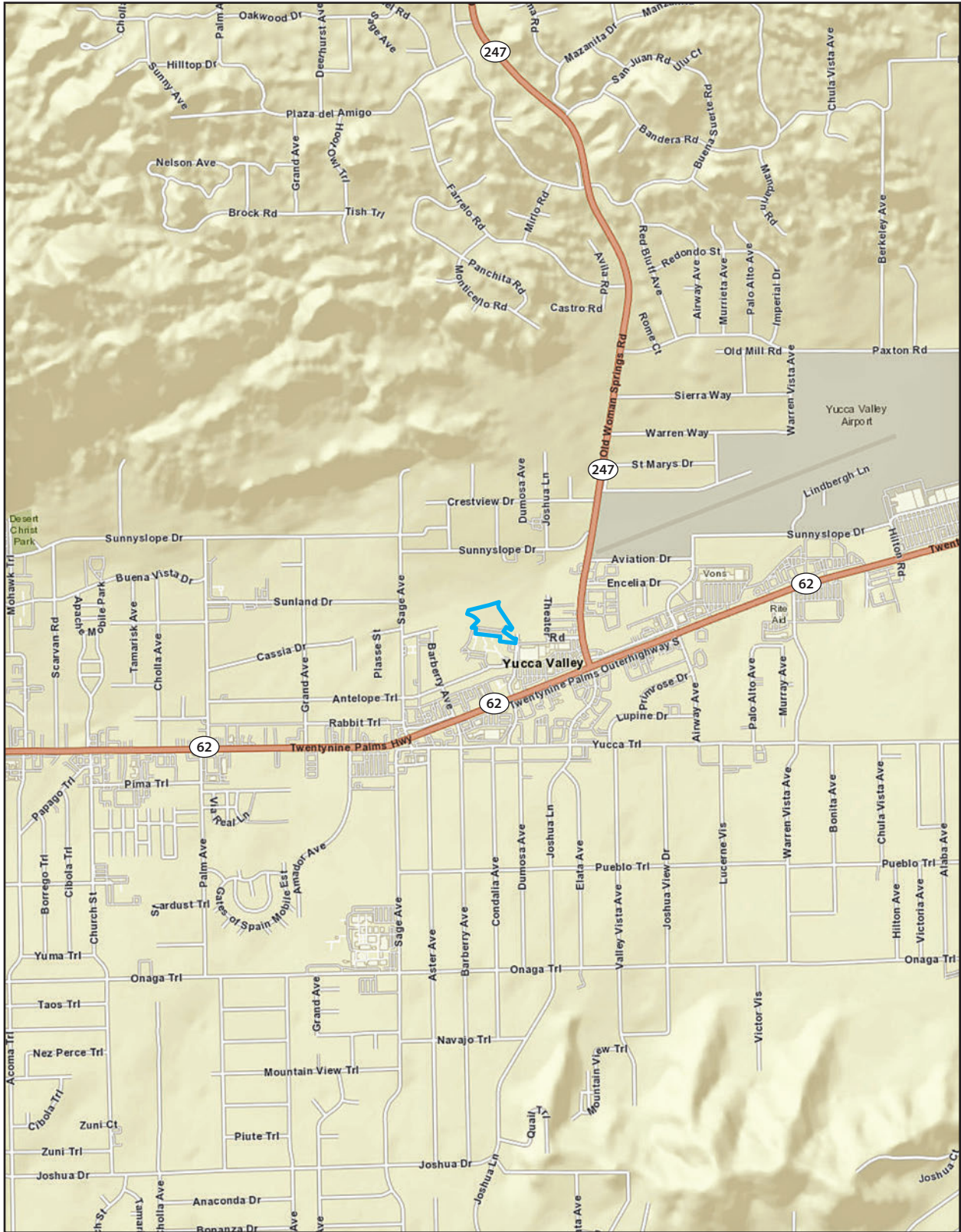
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Figure 1, Regional Local

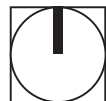
Figure 2, Aerial Photograph

Figure 3, Site Plan

Figure 1 - Local Vicinity



Project Site Boundary



Source: Generated using ArcMap 2024.

Figure 2 - Aerial Photograph



— Project Boundary

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Scale (Feet)



Source: Nearmap 2024.

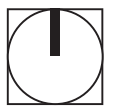
Figure 3 - Site Plan



- NEW AMENITIES**
- 1 ASPHALT PARKING (24 STD STALLS AND 2 ADA STALLS)
 - 2 TWO FULL BASKETBALL COURTS
 - 3 THIRTEEN STANDARD PICKLEBALL COURTS
 - 4 ONE TOURNAMENT PICKLEBALL COURT
 - 5 SKATE PARK
 - 6 PERIMETER FENCING
 - 7 TABLES WITH STEEL SHADE STRUCTURES
 - 8 BENCHES WITH FABRIC SHADE STRUCTURES
 - 9 BLEACHERS WITH FABRIC SHADE STRUCTURES
 - 10 DRINKING FOUNTAIN AND BOTTLE FILLER
 - 11 ADDITIONAL ASPHALT PARKING (24 STANDARD STALLS)
 - 12 RESTROOM BUILDING
 - 13 BASKETBALL BARRIER FENCE
- LEGEND**
- CONCRETE PAVING
 - ACCENT CONCRETE PAVERS
 - ASPHALT PAVING
 - PLANTER AREA
 - NEW TREES

Project Site Boundary

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Scale (Feet)



Source: RHA Architects 2024.