

Chico Area Recreation and Park District
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
September 26, 2007

Hooker Oak Family Disc Golf Course

The Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CARD is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA. The document is an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND).

PROJECT LOCATION: Hooker Oak Recreation Area, Chico, CA, Section 18, Township 22N, Range 2E.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is the construction a 9-hole youth disc golf course consisting of tee-boxes, targets, and appropriate signage. No heavy equipment will be used in course construction, and no excavation will occur. Elderberry bushes identified on site will be avoided by course design, and course construction will not require any removal or pruning of existing elderberries.

Tee-boxes will consist of either a marked area or a 4' x 8' cement pad. Targets will be constructed as "tone-poles" or "disc-catcher" targets planted into the ground with cement. Signage will direct participants to tee-box locations and targets will be placed in appropriate locations. Signage will also be placed along the proposed course informing disc golfers that the area is also used by equestrians, and to cease play while the bridle path is in use. A large sign will be placed at the start of the course that describes course rules and provides an overview map of the course. Signage may also be used to designate areas as out-of-bounds, or to describe specific course restrictions. Park benches may be placed at or near tee-boxes. A minimum of one trash receptacle will be included on the course.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning September 26, 2007. Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than October 26, 2007 to the following address:

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Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

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