
Mitigation Monitoring

and

Reporting Program

***Bellevue Recreation Center
Outdoor Improvements Project
Mitigated Negative Declaration***

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INTRODUCTION

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that agencies adopting Environmental Impact Reports take affirmative steps to determine that approved mitigation measures are implemented subsequent to project approval.

Effective January 1, 1989, CEQA was amended to add Section 21081.6, implementing Assembly Bill (AB) 3180. As part of CEQA (state-mandated) environmental review procedures, Section 21081.6 requires a public agency to adopt a monitoring and reporting program for assessing and ensuring efficacy of any mitigation measures applied to the proposed project. Specifically, the lead or responsible agency must adopt a reporting or monitoring program for mitigation measures incorporated into a project or imposed as conditions of approval. The program must be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation. As stated in Public Resources Code, Section 21081.6 (a)(1):

“The public agency shall adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes made to the project or conditions of project approval, adopted in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The reporting or monitoring program shall be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation. For those changes which have been required or incorporated into the project at the request of a responsible agency or a public agency having jurisdiction by law over natural resources affected by the project, that agency shall, if so requested by the lead agency or a responsible agency, prepare and submit a proposed reporting or monitoring program.”

AB 3180 provides general guidelines for implementing monitoring and reporting programs. The responsible decision maker(s) shall define specific reporting and/or monitoring requirements, to be enforced during project implementation, prior to final approval of the proposal. In response to established CEQA requirements and those of (AB) 3180 (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), the proposed Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Bellevue Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements Project (Mitigated Negative Declaration) shall be submitted for consideration by the decision-makers prior to completion of the environmental review process.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to ensure compliance with mitigation measures associated with development proposed under the Bellevue Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements Project, will use this Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).

Mitigation is required to address less than significant impact(s) to the following resources:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting section of this document identifies the potential impacts under each resource that would occur with implementation of the proposed Master Plan (as set forth in the Bellevue Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements Project Mitigated Negative Declaration, November 2005). Under each identified resource, the adverse impact(s), the impact's significance before and after mitigation, its corresponding mitigation measure(s), and the implementation and monitoring requirements are discussed. The implementation and monitoring requirements that have been set forth in this mitigation monitoring and reporting program are as follows:

- Party Responsible for Implementation of Mitigation
- Implementation Phase
- Monitoring Activity
- Monitoring Period
- Party Responsible for Monitoring Activity
- Frequency
- Outside Agency Coordination
- Outside Agency

A sample mitigation monitoring compliance form is provided at the end of this document.

MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING

A. Aesthetics

1. Less than Significant Impact:

The ambient light levels of the site and surrounding areas are very high due to the density of urban development and abundant vehicular traffic. From a regional standpoint, the proposed Project would not create a new source of light and/or glare that would be a substantial increase over existing levels. Installation of new lighting structures, particularly the twelve 72-foot-high light poles on the baseball fields, would change the ambient nighttime light levels in the park. The lights would be installed on all four sides of each baseball field. However, the lights would be turned off each night no later than 10 P.M.

Even though the lighting impacts would not be significant, the following mitigation measure is proposed to ensure that lighting impacts remain less than significant.

Significance before Mitigation: Less than Significant

Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

Mitigation Measures:

V-1 The proposed lights shall incorporate full-cutoff shielded fixtures or three-sided shielded fixtures pointed at least 45 degrees below horizontal to contain the light within the park and avoid spillover lighting impacts on adjacent properties.

Party Responsible for Implementation of Mitigation:

V-1: Lighting Designer/Architect; Project Manager

Implementation Phase:

V-1: (1) Design, (2) Construction, and (3) Operation

Monitoring Activity:

V-1: (1) Check that individual lighting plans and specifications are consistent with mitigation measure and that lights are designed to avoid spillover lighting impacts on sensitive residential uses. (2) Inspect installation of new lighting to ensure compliance with lighting plans and specifications. (3) Check compliance with 10:00 p.m. deadline for shutting off sports field lighting.

Monitoring Period:

V-1 (1) Design, (2) Construction, and (3) Operation

Party Responsible for Monitoring Activity:

V-1 (1) LADRP Project Manager

Frequency:

V-1: (1) Once during Design, (2) as necessary during installation of lighting, and (3) as necessary once lighting is installed.

Outside Agency Coordination: None

Agency: N/A

B. Air Quality

1. Less than Significant Impact:

Construction for the proposed Project would generate pollutant emissions from the following construction activities: (1) site clearing, (2) grading, (3) construction workers traveling to and from project sites, (4) delivery and hauling of construction supplies and debris to and from project sites, and (5) fuel combustion by on-site construction equipment. These construction activities would temporarily create emissions of dusts, fumes, equipment exhaust, and other air contaminants. (See Table 4-2 for Daily Construction Emissions)

Significance before Mitigation: Less than Significant

Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

Mitigation Measures:

AQ-1 The construction area and vicinity shall be swept (preferably with water sweepers) and watered at least twice daily.

AQ-2 All unpaved roads, parking, and staging areas shall be watered at least three times daily.

AQ-3 Site access points shall be swept/washed within 30 minutes of visible dirt deposition.

AQ-4 On-site stockpiles of debris, dirt, or rusty material shall be covered or watered at least twice daily.

AQ-5 All haul trucks hauling soil, sand, and other loose materials shall either be covered or maintain two feet of freeboard.

AQ-6 All haul trucks shall have a capacity of no less than 12.75 cubic yards.

AQ-7 At least 80 percent of all inactive disturbed surface areas shall be watered on a daily basis when there is evidence of wind-driven fugitive dust.

AQ-8 Operations on any unpaved surfaces shall be suspended when winds exceed 25 miles per hour.

AQ-9 Traffic speeds on unpaved roads shall be limited to 15 miles per hour.

AQ-10 Operations on any unpaved surfaces shall be suspended during first and second stage smog alerts.

Implementation and Monitoring Requirements:

Party Responsible for Implementation of Mitigation:

AQ-1 through AQ-10: Construction Contractor; Project Manager

Implementation Phase:

AQ-1 through AQ-10: (1) Pre-construction and (2) Construction

Monitoring Activity:

AQ-1 through AQ-10: (1) Check construction specifications and contracts to ensure mitigation measures are specified. (2) Inspect onsite construction activities to ensure the construction contractor implements measures.

Monitoring Period:

AQ-1 through AQ-10: (1) Pre-construction and (2) Construction

Party Responsible for Monitoring Activity:

AQ-1 through AQ-10: (1) and (2) LADRP Project Manager

Frequency:

AQ-1 through AQ-10: (1) Once during Pre-construction and (2) periodically during Construction.

Outside Agency Coordination: Possibly

Agency:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

C. Cultural Resources

1. Less than Significant Impact:

Archeological resources:

According to the City of Los Angeles General Plan Framework EIR, no archeological resources have been identified on or within a quarter-mile radius of the site. However, it is foreseeable that park improvements would entail some grading and excavation. Nonetheless, the likelihood of discovering archaeological resources remains low, and the potential for accidental discovery always exists within the greater Los Angeles region. In the event that archaeological resources are encountered during the course of earthwork activities within the project site, all development would temporarily cease until the archaeological resources are properly assessed, and subsequent recommendations are determined by a qualified archaeologist. Therefore, a less—than-significant impact is anticipated.

Significance before Mitigation: Less than Significant

Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

Mitigation Measures:

CR-1 In the event that archaeological resources are encountered during the course of earthwork activities, all development shall temporarily cease until the archaeological resources are properly assessed and subsequent recommendations are determined by a qualified archaeologist.

Implementation and Monitoring Requirements:

Party Responsible for Implementation of Mitigation:

CR-1: Project Manager; Qualified Archaeologist

Implementation Phase:

CR-1: (1) Construction

Monitoring Activity:

CR-1: (1) Check that construction crews are educated about procedures to follow in the event buried archaeological resources are uncovered during construction. (2) Check that construction halts in vicinity of any archaeological discoveries until an archaeologist can visit the site.

Monitoring Period:

CR-1: (1) Construction

Party Responsible for Monitoring Activity:

CR-1: (1) Project Manager and Qualified Archaeologist

Frequency:

CR-1: (1) As necessary during Construction.

Outside Agency Coordination: None

Agency:

N/A

2. Less than Significant Impact:

Paleontological resources and Geologic features:

Given that the site has been excavated in the past, it is not likely that any paleontological resources that may have been on the property prior to development would have retained their contextual integrity. No unique paleontological resources have previously been identified on the project site. However, while the likelihood of discovering paleontological resources remains low, the potential for accidental discovery during grading and excavation activities always exists. Implementation of mitigation measure CR-2 would reduce this potential impact to a less-than-significant level.

Significance before Mitigation: Less than Significant

Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

Mitigation Measures:

CR-2 In the event that paleontological resources are encountered during the course of earthwork activities, all development shall temporarily cease until the paleontological resources are properly assessed and subsequent recommendations are determined by a qualified paleontologist.

Implementation and Monitoring Requirements:

Party Responsible for Implementation of Mitigation:

CR-2: Project Manager; Qualified Paleontologist

Implementation Phase:

CR-2: (1) Construction

Monitoring Activity:

CR-2: (1) Check that construction crews are educated about procedures to follow in the event buried paleontological resources are uncovered during construction. (2) Check that construction halts in vicinity of any paleontological discoveries until a Paleontologist can visit the site.

Monitoring Period:

CR-2: (1) Construction

Party Responsible for Monitoring Activity:

CR-2: (1) LADRP Project Manager and Qualified Paleontologist

Frequency:

CR-2: (1) As necessary during Construction.

Outside Agency Coordination: None

Agency: N/A

G. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

1. Less than Significant Impact:

The project would comply with California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 7.8, Section 17796 and accordingly obtain clearance from City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department. The project site was once used as a landfill. Therefore, site inspections have been conducted by the City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department (the local enforcement agency) for the California Waste Integrated Management Board, on a quarterly monitoring basis. An initial inspection for gases (December 2003) at the site showed that methane gas was found at the north central area of the park. As a result, a second inspection (January 2004) for gas control was conducted, which substantiated the discovery of methane gas on the project site as a potential health hazard, and further investigations for methane migration were recommended. In response to further testing, the most recent inspections involved requirement of the installation of new gas migration probes throughout the park. Subsequent inspections and the most recent inspection indicated that neither violations nor areas of concern were observed in regards to methane migration. As the project would comply with the applicable regulations, no significant impacts related to hazardous materials are identified. The impacts would be less than significant. Nonetheless, mitigation measure HM-1 is proposed to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

Significance before Mitigation: Less than Significant

Significance after Mitigation: Less than Significant

Mitigation Measures:

HM-1 Prior to the issuance of any building or grading permits, obtain clearance from the Environmental Affairs Department, in accordance with Section 17796 of Article 7.8, Chapter 3, Division 7, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. The project applicant shall obtain a plan approval and sign-off from the Environmental Affairs Department.

Implementation and Monitoring Requirements:

Party Responsible for Implementation of Mitigation:

HM-1: Project Manager

Implementation Phase:

HM-1: (1) Pre-construction

Monitoring Activity:

HM-1: (1) Check to ensure that clearance and plan approval are obtained from the Environmental Affairs Department.

Monitoring Period:

HM-1: (1) Pre-construction

Party Responsible for Monitoring Activity:

HM-1: (1) Project Manager

Frequency:

HM-1: (1) As necessary during Pre-construction.

Outside Agency Coordination: Potentially

Agency:

Environmental Affairs Department

California Department of Toxic Substances Control

**BELLEVUE RECREATION CENTER OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MND
MITIGATION MEASURE MONITORING COMPLIANCE FORM**

Mitigation Measure:

Has the Mitigation Measure been implemented?

Yes No

Notes:

Is further action or monitoring required?

Yes No

If yes, describe:

Is consultation with outside agencies required?

Yes No

If yes, identify agency: _____

Has consultation with outside agency been completed?

Yes No

Monitoring Verified By: _____ **Date:** _____