

PUBLIC SERVICES AND RECREATION

SUMMARY

The proposed project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, or other public facilities.

The proposed project would not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated.

The proposed project includes reconstructed recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Fire Protection Services

The City of Camarillo receives fire protection and emergency services from the Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD). The VCFD engages in activities that are aimed at preventing fires and compliance with California Building Standards Code, Chapters 7 and 7A, and the California Fire Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9). The VCFD provides fire protection engineering, building inspections for code compliance, and hazardous materials inspections. The VCFD also provides education and training in public safety and emergency preparedness.

There are three fire stations which serve the City: Station 50 at 189 S. Las Posas Road; Station 52 at 5353 Santa Rosa Road.; and Station 54 at 2160 Pickwick Drive. The closest fire station to the project site is Station No. 52. This station serves the eastern portion of Camarillo and unincorporated areas of the Santa Rosa Valley. According to the City of Camarillo Safety Element 2013, it is anticipated that average emergency response times within Camarillo are five minutes or less.

Police Protection Services

Police Protection Services for the City of Camarillo have been provided on a contract basis by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department since the City's incorporation in 1964. The City is served by the Camarillo

Police Station, located at 3701 East Las Posas Road. Police protection services to the community is provided via officers driving in Police Department vehicles on regular patrols and responding to calls.

Public Education

Public education is provided to the residents of Camarillo by the Pleasant Valley School District (PVSD) for grades K-8 and the Oxnard Union High School District (OUHSD) for grades 9-12. In addition, there are several public charter and private schools operating within Camarillo.

Public Parks

Public parks are primarily provided to the residents of Camarillo by the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District (PVRPD). The PVRPD was formed in 1962 under the State Public Resources Code of California and serves an area of approximately 44 square miles. The PVRPD operates 28 parks in the Camarillo area. A variety of recreational facilities exist, including swimming pools (indoor and outdoor), lighted ball fields, tennis courts, racquetball courts, a running track, children's play equipment, picnic shelters and barbecues, and an equestrian center. In addition, the City of Camarillo owns and operates Constitution Park adjacent to Camarillo City Hall and Dizdar Park in Old Town Camarillo. As a general standard, the PVRPD and the City of Camarillo recommend that for each 1,000 persons, a total of 2½ acres of neighborhood parks and 2½ acres of community parks should be required for a combined total of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.

The nearest public park to the Camarillo Springs community is Camarillo Grove Park located north of U.S. Highway 101 at 6968 Camarillo Springs Road.

Private Recreation

Camarillo Springs Golf Course is a 182-acre, privately-owned facility that has been developed and operational for more than 45 years. The property is currently developed with an 18-hole golf course, clubhouse facility, driving range, maintenance buildings, and associated structures. The golf course is open for public use and play, as well as tournaments, and its hours of operation are from sunrise until sundown, seven days per week.

THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

In accordance with Appendix G to the State CEQA Guidelines, a project could have a potentially significant impact on public services and recreation if it would:

- Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction

of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the following public services:

- Fire Protection
 - Police Protection
 - Schools
 - Parks
 - Other Public Facilities
- Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated.
 - Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

PROJECT IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Public Services

Threshold: Would the proposed project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, or other public facilities?

Impact: The proposed project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, or other public facilities.

Impact Analysis

Fire Protection

While the proposed project may increase the demand for fire protection services through the development of new residential buildings, these demands would be met by the existing Fire Department facilities in Camarillo. As such, project development would not require the development of new or physically altered fire protection facilities which would cause significant environmental impacts. In

accordance with standard City practice, the project development and building plans would be subject to review by the Fire Department to ensure that the site design and building plans comply with all applicable fire codes. The proposed project would also be subject to the Fire Protection Facilities Fee that would be used to help fund new fire facilities and equipment. Compliance with the applicable Fire Code requirements and payment of the Fire Protection Facilities Fee would ensure that the potential impacts to fire protection services associated with the proposed project would be less than significant.

Police Protection

Since police protection to the project site is provided via officers driving in Police Department vehicles, the proposed project would not create the need for the construction of new or physically-altered police facilities. As such, the proposed project would not create a significant impact under CEQA. In accordance with standard City practice, the project development and building plans would be subject to review by the Camarillo Police Department to reduce opportunities for the commission of crimes at the project site. The new residential neighborhood would also be secured through gated access, which would reduce the potential for crimes to be committed in the neighborhood.

Public Schools

The residential component of the project is the proposed development of up to 248 new age-restricted (55+) single family detached dwelling units. Because the residential community would be age-restricted to residents of 55+, it would not result in new students attending local public schools.

Public Parks

The new residents of the proposed project would create an additional demand for park and recreation areas. As discussed previously, the PVRPD and the City of Camarillo recommend that for each 1,000 persons, a total of 2½ acres of neighborhood parks and 2½ acres of community parks should be required for a combined total of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Assuming that each of the proposed age-restricted (55+) single family detached dwelling units has two residents, the project would increase the City's population by up to 496 persons. This would create the demand for approximately 2.48 acres of parkland (1.24 acres of neighborhood parks and 1.24 acres of community parks). Most of this demand would be met by the project's proposed parks, which include a neighborhood park and a dog park totaling 7.9 acres, as well as the project's walking trails, which connect to the surrounding community. These public parks would exceed the PVRPD and City overall standard of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. However, the project would not provide any contribution to the increased demand for community parks. In response, the project applicant has agreed to provide a fee to the PVRPD to help develop or expand public park facilities within Camarillo. The project applicant is agreeing to enter into an agreement with the PVRPD that specifies that the fee may only be used, in accordance with existing Quimby Act fee procedures, for development impacts to public park facilities. Any construction associated with the development or expansion of public park facilities would be proposed by the PVRPD

and approved by the City of Camarillo. These development projects would be subject to their own environmental review and approval process. Identifying the locations of potential new or expanded park sites and identifying the impacts associated with this development by the PVRPD is beyond the scope of this EIR.

Other Public Facilities

Residents of the proposed project would have the opportunity to utilize other public facilities within Camarillo, such as the Camarillo Library. The project development would also be subject to review by City staff throughout the development review process. However, no new public facilities would need to be constructed to accommodate the needs of project residents. Several services to the project residents could be provided by local businesses such as those already located along Camarillo Springs Road. Therefore, the potential impact of the project on other public facilities would be less than significant.

Increased Use of Parks

Threshold: Would the proposed project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

Impact: The proposed project would not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated.

Impact Analysis

As discussed in the previous analysis, the new residents of the proposed project would create an additional demand for approximately 2.48 acres of park and recreation areas. Most of this demand would be met by the project's proposed parks, which include a neighborhood park and a dog park totaling 7.9 acres, as well as the project's walking trails, which connect to the surrounding community. These public parks would exceed the PVRPD and City overall standard of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Therefore, the project residents would not be expected to increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. The impact of the project would be less than significant.

New Recreational Facilities

Threshold: Would the proposed project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

Impact: The proposed project includes reconstructed recreational facilities the construction of which would have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Mitigation is identified to reduce these impacts to less than significant levels.

Impact Analysis

The proposed project includes the reconstruction of the Camarillo Springs Golf Course. Construction of the project, including the golf course, has the potential to cause potential impacts associated nighttime lighting, construction-related air pollutant emissions and fugitive dust, and the release of hazardous materials, and impacts to sensitive biological resources, previously undiscovered cultural resources, and previously undiscovered paleontological resources. Mitigation measures are identified throughout this EIR to reduce these potential impacts to less than significant levels. All of the mitigation measures identified in this EIR are applicable to this impact.

CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Cumulative development of other projects throughout Camarillo would increase the demand for public services and recreation. As with the proposed project, each of these projects would be subject to the same reviews and fee obligations that would generally reduce potential cumulative impacts to public services to less than significant levels. As discussed in the Population and Housing section of this EIR, the April 2020 Monthly Report list of identifies 1,284 residential units that are proposed, approved but not constructed, and under construction within the City (including General Plan Amendments) and that these projects would increase the City's population by approximately 3,051 persons. This would result in the need for approximately 15.3 acres of additional parkland within Camarillo. Any construction associated with the development or expansion of public park facilities would be proposed by the PVRPD and approved by the City of Camarillo. These development projects would be subject to their own environmental review and approval process. Identifying the locations of potential new or expanded park sites and identifying the impacts associated with this development by the PVRPD is beyond the scope of this EIR.

UNAVOIDABLE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS

The proposed project would not create any unavoidable significant impacts associated with public services and recreation.