



The Villages – Escondido Country Club Project Proposal

E-Newsletter – April 2017

Interested parties,

The City is currently reviewing an application to redevelop the Escondido Country Club and golf course. As part of the process, the City created a e-newsletter to provide timely and informative news about the project. Each edition will be emailed to you, for viewing whenever you can, at your convenience.

This e-newsletter consists of an update on the Scoping Meeting, feedback from the Notice of Preparation (NOP) comment period, and other project-related information.

SCOPING MEETING AND THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION PERIOD

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) public review was the first step in the environmental review process. The City prepared a NOP to provide the public with sufficient information describing the proposed project and its potential environmental effects. The NOP also advertised a public review period including a comment period, which allowed the public to ask questions and provide input on things that will help City develop a more complete and thorough environmental analysis.

The NOP public review period started on January 25, 2017 and ended on February 24, 2017. The City also held a NOP Scoping Meeting on February 13, 2017. The intent of the meeting was to identify “relevant planning issues.” All participants had the opportunity to share ideas through small group discussions. This was helpful since we were able to identify public concerns and values through one-on-one conversations. In addition, individuals could submit written comments. Please visit the City’s website <https://www.escondido.org/ecc-nop.aspx> for all Scoping Meeting and NOP-related materials as well as all public and agency comment letters received during the NOP public review period.

WHATS GOING ON RIGHT NOW?

Following the completion of the NOP period, City staff began the administrative draft review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and the associated technical studies. For a

complete description of the technical analysis that will be included in the DEIR, please see the project's Initial Study by using the link below:

https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/ECC/000ISCOMBINED_OPT_final_revised.pdf).

Planning staff will coordinate the technical review with other City Departments and responsible agencies, as necessary. The goal of the administrative draft review is to complete a document that contains all mandatory sections required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is legally adequate, reasonably readable, and prepared in a timely and efficient manner.

NEXT STEPS

After City staff determines the DEIR to be complete, staff will initiate public review of the DEIR. It is expected that the DEIR public review and comment period will occur in the **Summer of 2017**.

Stay tuned: More information to follow regarding how to review the DEIR and how to provide input.

The City must provide public notice of the availability of the DEIR at the same time as it sends a Notice of Completion to Office of Planning and Research. Notice must also be given to all organizations and individuals who have previously requested such notice. See CEQA Guidelines [§15087](#). It is anticipated that City will utilize this e-newsletter service to provide key announcements.

OTHER PROJECT OR SITE RELATED ISSUES

If you have ongoing concerns about the condition of the property, please remember that the designated contact is the Code Enforcement Division (760-839-4650). Also, we understand that mowing is scheduled to begin April 6th and should take about a week to complete.

STAY INFORMED

Visit the City's Project website at <https://www.escondido.org/ecc.aspx> for more information about the process. This is an online source to review all project related documents, including the NOP and Initial Study, as well as other documents as they become available.

For all project related questions, please contact Kristin Blackson at kblackson@escondido.org.

Stay up-to-date on what's happening with the Escondido Country Club golf course and be the first to know about different project activities and milestones. The e-newsletter is just one way that the city is providing opportunities to disseminate information.