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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE PARK NAME CHANGE FROM PARK 4B TO LINDEN PARK, APPROVE PARK MASTER PLAN AND CONSIDER THE NATOMAS CROSSING-ALLEGHANY AREA #2 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AS AMENDED BY THE ADDENDUM CIP (PN: LW61).

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4001 Innovator Drive, Sacramento
Council District 1

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that Council, by resolution (page 5):

- Approve the name change for Park 4B to "Linden Park;"
- Approve the Park Master Plan; and
- Consider the Natomas Crossing-Alleghany Area #2 Mitigated Negative Declaration as Amended by the Addendum

CONTACT PERSON: Janet Baker, Park Development Division Manager,
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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: February 1, 2005

SUMMARY:

Linden is a 4.7- acre park located at 4001 Innovator Drive in North Natomas. This report requests City Council's approval of the park name, master plan, and consideration of the Natomas Crossing-Alleghany Area #2 Mitigated Negative Declaration as amended by the Addendum.



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COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Linden Park name and master plan was reviewed and approved by the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation on November 4, 2004. Exhibit A, page 7.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The proposed Linden Park is a 4.7-acre neighborhood park located at 4001 Innovator Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834 in the Natomas Crossing neighborhood. Exhibit B, page 8.

Two public workshops were held with the community to develop the Linden Park master plan. Community input on the park design was obtained from the first meeting on June 14, 2004. The community reviewed and approved the proposed Linden Park master plan at the second public meeting on August 16, 2004.

The proposed park theme is valley woodland. The Linden Park master plan includes a tot lot play area, a shade structure with picnic tables, a turf volleyball court, a multi-purpose turf field, individual picnic areas, seating areas, meandering pedestrian pathways, native wildflower planting areas, shrub areas, landscape earth mounds and additional landscaping.

The park is planned to include the Maintainable Park Standards saving techniques. At least 20% of the site is designed with urban forest, non-irrigated native grasses and mulch.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report requests approval for the park name, park master plan, and environmental documents only. There are no financial considerations with this report. Financial impacts will be reported when staff returns to City Council for approval of the development agreement.

There will be approximately \$37,600 per year in ongoing operational and maintenance costs, which includes \$28,200 per year in park maintenance, and \$9,400 per year water and utility costs.

The Neighborhood Park Maintenance Community Facilities District (CFD) was established to reduce reliance on the general fund for neighborhood park maintenance

and to preserve the level of maintenance in the parks system. It was projected that revenues from the CFD would provide approximately 65-70% of the cost associated with maintaining new neighborhood parks for those areas that annex to the District.

Since some areas have not annexed to the District, the percentage of costs covered will fall below the 65-70% level. The balance of costs must be borne by the Citywide Landscape and Lighting District and other city funds. It is anticipated that significant revenues from the CFD will not begin until 2005. In the meantime, maintenance funds must be derived from other sources.

Existing parks and all community parks, regional parks, open space, trails and buffer areas are not covered by the CFD.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services has determined that this project falls within the scope of analysis of the adopted Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 (P96-083) Mitigated Negative Declaration. According to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes to the adopted Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 Mitigated Negative Declaration was required nor was new information of substantial importance found to have occurred due to the proposed project; therefore, an Addendum to the Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project. The adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration adequately described the effects of the proposed project. The analyses in the Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 Mitigated Negative Declaration are reaffirmed.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached findings considering the Addendum to the adopted Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 (P96-083) Mitigated Negative Declaration, finding that this document adequately addresses the impacts of the project, and finding that no subsequent environmental document is required. The findings are shown as Exhibit E.

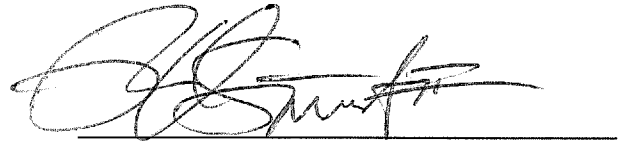
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This action is consistent with City Council's goal to expand park and recreational opportunities.

ESBD EFFORTS:

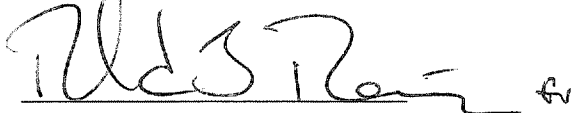
No goods or services are being purchased in association with this report.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET,
Director, Parks and Recreation

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
ON DATE: _____

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LINDEN PARK NAME, MASTER PLAN, AND CERTIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS CIP (PN: LW61).

WHEREAS, the Environmental Coordinator has prepared an Addendum to the adopted Natomas Crossing-Alleghany Area #2 Negative Declaration for the above project;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code, the City of Sacramento requires that a Mitigation Reporting Plan be developed for implementing mitigation measures as identified in the Initial Study for the project;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Coordinator has prepared a Mitigation Reporting Plan for ensuring compliance and implementation of the mitigation measures as prescribed in the Initial Study for the above identified project;

WHEREAS, this Addendum to the Natomas Crossing-Alleghany Area #2 Negative Declaration reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis;

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the Addendum and the Negative Declaration and determined that the environmental impacts of the proposed Linden Park are within the scope of analysis contained in the Natomas Crossing-Alleghany Area #2 Mitigated Negative Declaration and no new impacts have been identified.

Based upon the record as a whole, including the Initial Study and in the City Council's exercise of its independent judgment, there is no substantial evidence, either individually limited or cumulatively considerable, that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City Council, hereby:

1. Reaffirms the Addendum to the adopted Natomas Crossing-Alleghany Area #2 Mitigated Negative Declaration;
2. Approves the name change for Park 4B to "Linden Park;" and
3. Approves the Linden Park Master Plan.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

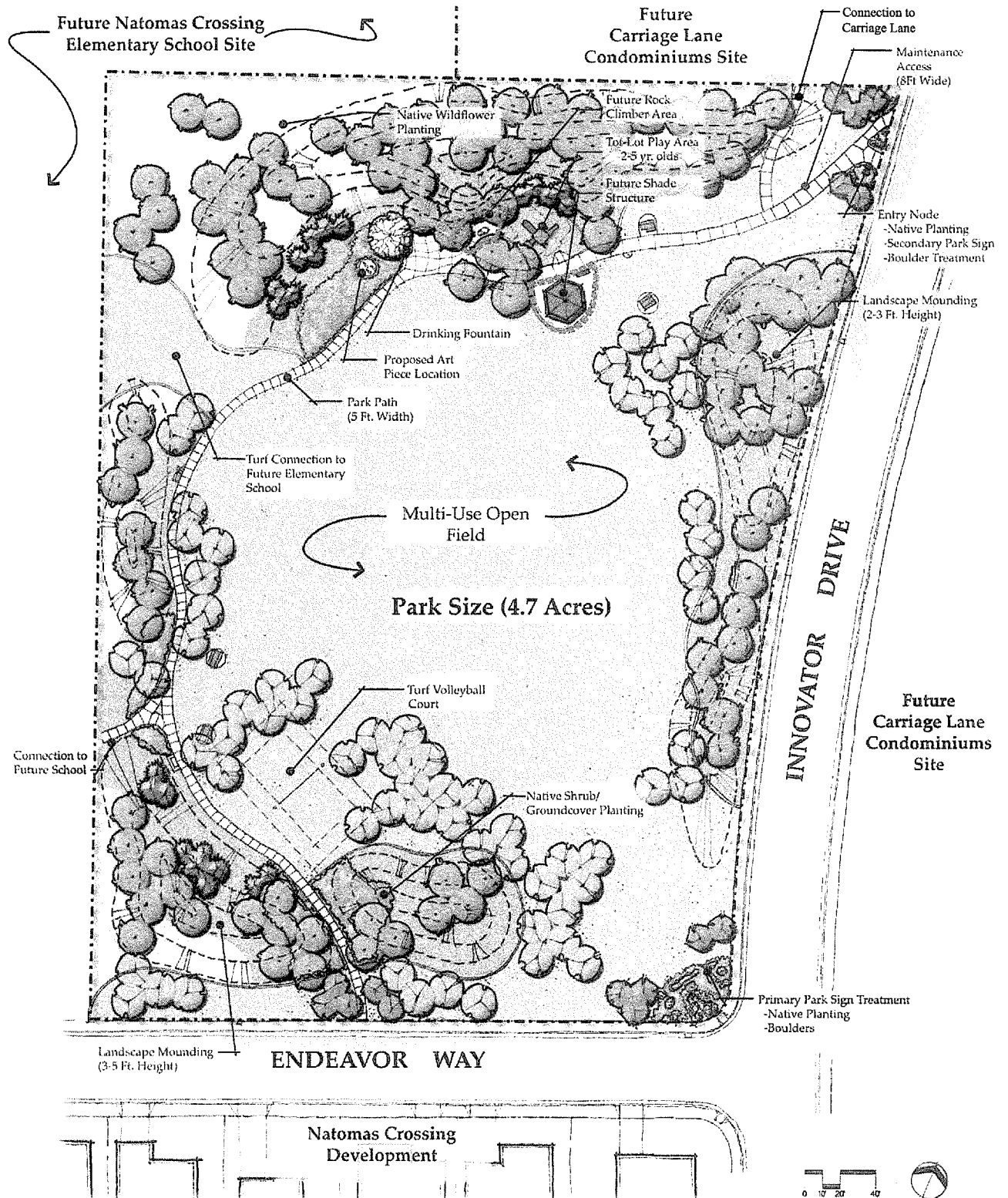
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EXHIBIT A

MASTER PLAN



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EXHIBIT B

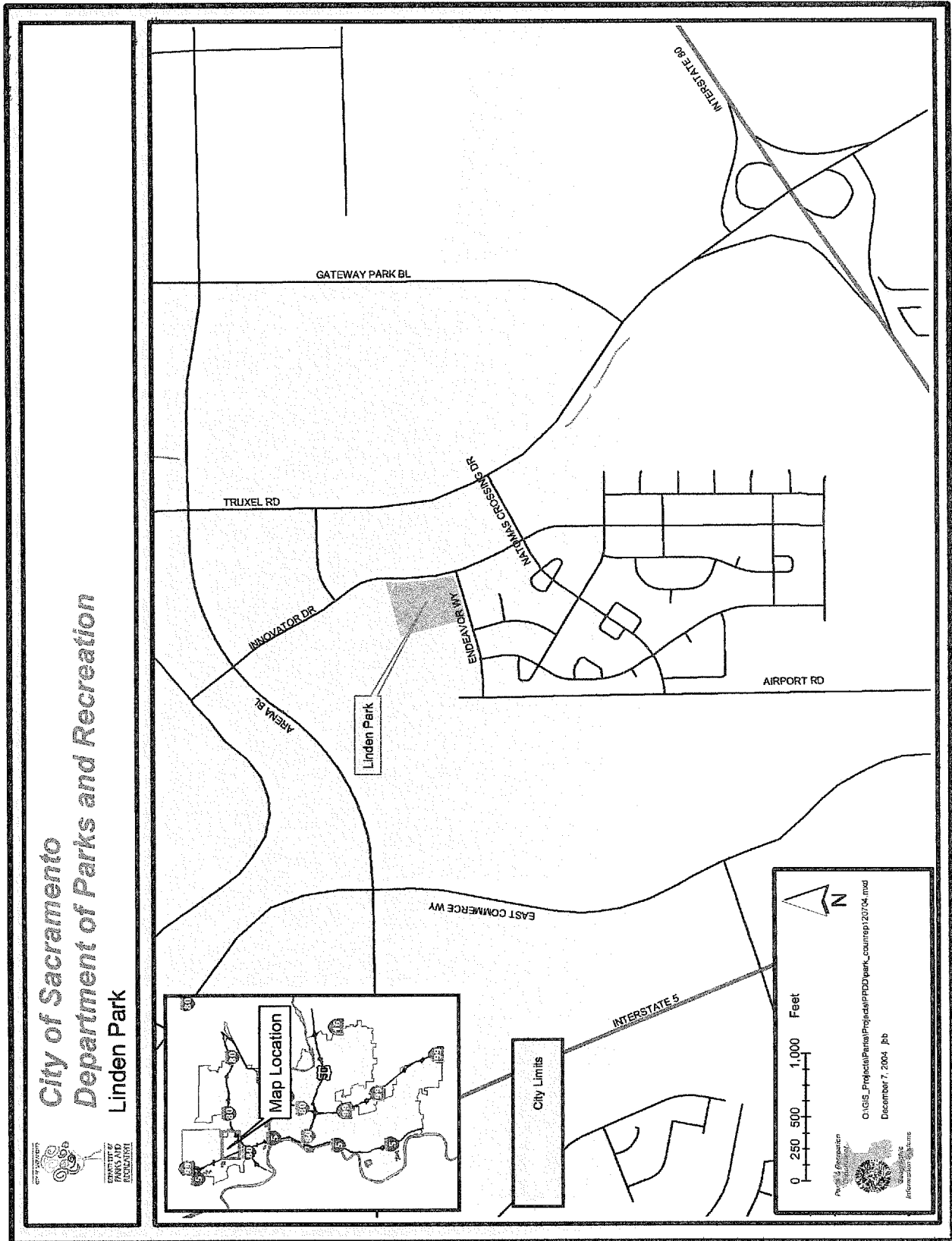


EXHIBIT C

Linden Park 4B (CIP#LW61) Mitigation Reporting Plan

In January 1989, Assembly Bill 3180 went into effect requiring the City to monitor all mitigation measures included in this Negative Declaration. For this project, mitigation reporting will be performed by the City of Sacramento, Department of Parks and Recreation in accordance with the monitoring and reporting program developed by the City to implement AB 3180.

This Mitigation Reporting Plan is being prepared by the Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services, 1231 I Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 808-5375, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Guidelines, Section 21081.

The Department of Parks and Recreation will submit its completed Reporting Plan to the Environmental Planning Services for inclusion in the annual report to the City Council.

Project Number: CIP# LW61

Project Name: Linden Park 4B

Project Location: The project site is located at 4001 Innovator Drive, APN 225-1250-015 within the North Natomas Community Plan area. The project site is located at the northwest corner of Endeavor Way and Innovator Drive.

Project Description: The City of Sacramento, Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to construct an 4.7± acre sized park with improvements including a turf volleyball court, open field, landscaping, walkway, drinking fountain, and tot lot.

LINDEN PARK PROJECT (CIP#LW61)
MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN

Mitigation Measure	Implementing Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility	VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE		
			Compliance Standards	Timing	Verification of Compliance (Initials/Date)
<p>Air</p> <p>Mitigation Measure #2: The project proponent shall comply with the following short term construction mitigation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All sites shall be graded such that the new topography makes a smooth transition to existing adjacent topography. 2. Dust and soil erosion control measures shall be implemented during the construction phases of all projects. These measures are intended to minimize soil erosion and fugitive dust emissions. Suggested measures include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. watering exposed soils; b. covering exposed soils with straw or other materials; c. adopting measures to prevent construction vehicles from tracking mud onto adjacent roadways; d. covering trucks containing loose and dry soil; and e. providing interim drainage measures during the construction period 3. In non-pavement areas, any vegetation covered or removed during grading or construction (including slope protection) should be replanted following the construction activities. 	<p>City of Sacramento, Dept. of Parks and Recreation</p>	<p>SMAQMD</p>	<p>Construction documents showing the mitigation measure.</p>	<p>During construction</p>	<p>EXHIBIT D</p>

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<p>Plant and Animal Life:</p> <p>Mitigation Measure #6 shall be replaced with the following:</p> <p>Mitigation Measure: The project proponent shall: (i) comply with all requirements of the 2003 NBHCP, together with any additional requirements specified in the North Natomas Community Plan EIR; (ii) comply with any additional mitigation measures identified in the NBHCP EIR/EIS; and (iii) comply with all conditions in the ITPs issued by the USFWS and CDFG.</p>	<p>City of Sacramento, Dept. of Parks and Recreation</p>	<p>USFWS, DFG</p>	<p>Submittal of a pre-construction survey.</p>	<p>Prior to grading activities.</p>	

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<p>Cultural Resources</p> <p>Mitigation Measure #12: If subsurface archaeological or historical remains (including unusual amounts of bones, stones, or shells) are discovered during excavation or construction of the site, work shall stop immediately and a qualified archaeologist and a representative of the Native American Heritage Commission shall be consulted to develop, if necessary, further mitigation measures to reduce any archaeological impact to a less-than-significant level before construction continues.</p>	City Parks and Recreation Dept.	City Development Services Department	Note shall be included on the Map and within the Standard Construction Specifications	Measures shall be implemented in field during grading and construction activities.

D

FINDINGS**Introduction**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000) (CEQA) and Section 15153 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City has concluded that the Negative Declaration for the Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 PUD (#P96-083) adequately describes the environmental effects of the proposed Linden Park project. The Adopted Negative Declaration was a programmatic evaluation of potential environmental impacts resulting from the development and implementation of the Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 PUD. The addendum to the Adopted Negative Declaration provides a description of the proposed park project and an evaluation of the potential differences in environmental impacts relative to what was disclosed in the original Adopted Negative Declaration.

Relationship of the Proposed Project to the Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 PUD (#P96-083) Negative Declaration

The original Negative Declaration for the Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 PUD evaluated the necessary entitlements to develop the PUD. The entitlements for the Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 PUD included the development of parks within the PUD, including the proposed Linden Park. The proposed development of Linden Park will not result in any new impacts or any more severe impacts than those previously evaluated and identified in the original Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 PUD Negative Declaration (#P96-083).

It has been determined that implementation of the Proposed Project would not create any new or additional significant environmental impacts that were not already evaluated in the adopted Negative Declaration, nor would it increase the severity of any such impacts. As a result, an addendum to the Adopted Negative Declaration was prepared in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines 15164. Therefore, no new findings with respect to the impacts of the proposed project are warranted. The addendum summarizes the details and/or modifications to the Adopted Negative Declaration.

Decision not to prepare a Subsequent Negative Declaration/Conclusion

CEQA Section 15162 requires the preparation of a Subsequent Negative Declaration when substantial changes to a project will require revisions to a previous Negative Declaration due to:

- involvement of new significant environmental effects; or
- a substantial increase in severity of previously identified environmental effects; or
- new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the negative declaration was adopted; or
- mitigation measures previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure; or

EXHIBIT E

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- mitigation measures which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous negative declaration would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure

Under the proposed project, the City has decided that an Addendum is appropriate to make the Negative Declaration for Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 PUD (#P96-083) adequate to address the impacts of the Linden Park Project (CIP# LW61). The adopted mitigation measures and impact conclusions in the Natomas Crossing – Alleghany Area #2 PUD Negative Declaration (#P96-083) remain unchanged.