

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
OLD RAILROAD GRADE TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Marin County Open Space District (MCOSD) has completed an initial study and draft mitigated negative declaration for the proposed Old Railroad Grade Trail Improvement Project, in Fairfax, California. A copy of the draft negative declaration and initial study is available for review at Marin County Parks, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260, San Rafael, California, 94903 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and at the Fairfax Library. Marin County Parks has copies of the initial study available online at <http://www.marincountyparks.org>. Copies of all documents incorporated by reference into the initial study are available upon request.

The MCOSD has proposed relocating a 1,100-foot-long segment of the Old Railroad Grade Trail located within the Loma Alta Open Space Preserve. The proposed project includes the following components:

- Building 1,100 feet of new trail bypassing the existing trail following the historic railroad grade, thus creating a less steep gradient;
- Constructing a new 30-foot-long trail bridge across an ephemeral stream;
- Installing a 30-inch-diameter culvert at another ephemeral stream crossing for a distance of about 20 feet; and
- Restoring and revegetating 975 feet of existing trail that would be abandoned.

The draft mitigated negative declaration evaluates the project with respect to the following topical issues:

Aesthetics	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Population and Housing
Agricultural & Forestry	Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Recreation
Air Quality	Hydrology & Water Quality	Transportation & Traffic
Cultural Resources	Land Use Planning	Utilities & Service System
Geology & Soils	Noise	Energy

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this Notice of Availability of the draft mitigated negative declaration commences a 45-day public review period beginning **July 23, 2015**. The MCOSD invites interested persons to review and comment on the initial study. The MCOSD must receive written comments on the initial study, **NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m., Monday, September 7, 2015**. Interested parties can also send comments via e-mail to jraives@marincounty.org or faxed to Marin County Parks at (415) 473-3795 to the attention of James Raives, Senior Open Space Planner.

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All public meetings and events sponsored or conducted by the County of Marin are held in accessible sites. Requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-4381 (Voice/TTY/CRS dial 711) or by e-mail at disabilityaccess@marincounty.org at least five workdays in advance. Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon written request.