

CITY OF CALISTOGA

STAFF REPORT

TO: CHAIR MANFREDI AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
FROM: LYNN GOLDBERG, PLANNING & BUILDING DIRECTOR
MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 26, 2014
SUBJECT: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR FAIR WAY
EXTENSION PATH PROJECT

1 **REQUEST**

2 Consider adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for the
3 Fair Way Extension Path Project

4 **BACKGROUND**

5 A ten-foot wide Class 1 path for use by bicyclists and pedestrians currently extends
6 westerly from Dunaweal Lane to the Little League fields, terminating approximately 0.6
7 miles from central Calistoga. The Calistoga Active Transportation Plan calls for this path
8 to extend to the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Fair Way Extension.

9 On June 17, 2014, the City Council selected a preferred alignment for the path
10 extension and directed staff to proceed with the preparation of construction plans and
11 environmental analysis.

12 **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

13 An Initial Study prepared for the project identified potential environmental impacts in the
14 areas of air quality, biological resources, hydrology/water quality, noise,
15 transportation/traffic and utilities. However, it was determined that although the
16 proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a
17 significant effect in this case because project revisions have been agreed to by the City.
18 Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared. Please refer to the
19 MND for more details on potential impacts and the project's mitigation monitoring
20 program.

21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

22 The MND was sent to the State for distribution to appropriate agencies, and owners and
23 occupants of property contiguous to the project within 300 feet were notified of its
24 availability for review. No comments had been received by the close of the 30-day
25 public review period (November 20).

26 **RECOMMENDATION**

27 On the basis that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant
28 impact on the environment, staff recommends that the Planning Commission:

- 29 • Adopt a resolution adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation
30 Monitoring Program for the Fair Way Extension Path Project

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft resolution
2. Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (distributed under separate cover)