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As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Encinitas completed an Environmental Initial Assessment (EIA) for the purpose of determining whether the Recreational Trails Master Plan project might have a significant effect on the environment. It was determined from the EIA that the project could not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration was prepared. The Negative Declaration was circulated for a 30-day public review period, which ran from December 9, 1999 to January 10, 2000. The Negative Declaration found that although the project could have a significant effect on the environment related to geological problems, water, biological resources, cultural resources, and mandatory findings of significance, there would not be a significant effect in this case because of the mitigation measures and/or impact controls incorporated into the project.

The Negative Declaration was adopted by the City Council with the adoption of the Recreational Trails Master Plan. The Negative Declaration is on file with the City of Encinitas Community Development Department, and may be referenced for the discussion of the mitigation measures and/or impact controls incorporated into the project and details of the environmental review.