



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

TIME OF HEARING: **7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.**

DATE OF HEARING: **June 19, 2023**

PLACE OF HEARING: **DUARTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1600 Huntington Drive
Duarte, CA 91010**

A **PUBLIC HEARING** has been scheduled, pursuant to the City of Duarte Municipal Code, before the **CITY OF DUARTE PLANNING COMMISSION** to consider the project shown below:

Project Title:

MEL CANYON DEBRIS AND SEDIMENT BASIN PROJECT

Project Location:

The project is located north of the intersection of Melcanyon Road and Brookridge Road (APN 8602-002-012) on 2.46 acres of 34-acre parcel; and (APN 8602-018-005) on .362 acres of an .84 acre parcel; and adjacent areas for staging.

General Plan Land Use and Zoning:

Very Low Density Residential (VLDR) and Single Family Residential (R1-B)

The Planning Commission will consider the following project at a public hearing:

Public Works Project – Authorization to Proceed. The City is proposing to construct a debris and sediment catchment basin in Mel Canyon to prevent rock, sand, silt, and organic debris from flowing downslope onto Melcanyon Road and surrounding streets, causing drainage and flooding issues for adjacent and downstream properties. Mel Canyon is located within the San Gabriel Mountain foothills.

The Project site comprises 2.46 acres consisting mainly of a small canyon floor just north of Brookridge Road at its intersection with Melcanyon Road. In addition, the Project site contains the lower portions of two small “feeder” canyons that form the upper northeast and northwest “arms”, or “ends”, of the debris basin. Runoff from the two feeder canyons has historically flowed downhill and collected in the flat canyon floor, along with sediment and various types and amounts of debris (e.g., vegetation, rocks, etc.). The Project would result in the removal of all existing vegetation within the entire 2.46-acre site.

Environmental Information:

Public Review Period: **April 26, 2023 – May 26, 2023**

The City of Duarte Community Development Department has determined that the above project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has recommended adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Menifee Planning Commission will consider the proposed project and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration along with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) at the public hearing. In addition, the project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (California Department of Toxic Substances Control list of various hazardous sites).

The IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day review period pursuant to State law. All comments on the IS/MND must be submitted in writing to the address or e-mail provided below and received no later than **Friday, May 26, 2023**. The IS/MND can be found at the following web address: <https://www.accessduarte.com/>

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing and be heard at the time and place noted above. All comments must be received prior to the time of public hearing. All such comments will be submitted to the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the proposed project.

If this project is challenged in court, the issues may be limited to those raised at the public hearing, described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of public hearings and comment, the Planning Commission may amend, in whole or in part, the proposed project. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the proposed project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

For further information regarding this project, please contact Craig Hensley at (626) 357-7931 or e-mail at chensley@accessduarte.com Or go to the City of Duarte's agenda web page at the following web address: <https://www.accessduarte.com/government/departments/community-development/development-projects-plans>

to view the case file for the proposed project contact the Community Development Department office at (626) 357-7931 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Please send all written correspondence to:

CITY OF DUARTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Attn: Craig Hensley, Community Development Director
1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010



Exhibit 2 Project Area

Mel Canyon Debris and Sediment Basin
City of Duarte, California