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The County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has completed a comprehensive update of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Preserve, which includes a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and Public Access Plan (PAP). The updated RMP is required because there are multiple properties that have been added to the Preserve in recent years. The RMP will guide the continued management of natural resources within the Preserve, including management of these additional properties which were not covered in the previous RMP. Implementation of the PAP would include modifications to the existing trail system, including restoration of previously disturbed areas, reroutes of existing trails, the formalization of informal trails, and the creation of new trails.

DPR released the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) along with the associated RMP, VMP, and PAP for public review from July 21, 2023 through August 21, 2023 (SCH Number 2023070450). Five formal comment letters and 77 email comments were received during the public comment period. DPR prepared a Response to Comments (RTCs) document in response to all comments received and updated the documents, as appropriate.

DPR published the Final RMP, PAP, VMP, associated appendices, IS/MND, RTCs, MMRP, MSCP Conformance Statement, and Trail Map to DPR's website on February 6, 2025 to disclose final changes to the documents. The documents were posted for 31 full calendar days.

On today's date, DPR has adopted the IS/MND for the project and will initiate the first phase of PAP implementation. The first phase will include revegetation of southern trails along with minor trail improvements/reroutes to accommodate the habitat restoration activities. Subsequent phases of the Final PAP, including opening of trails considered in the environmental review, will be implemented as funding and resources are available.

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