City of Ukiah Notice of Public Hearing and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Upper City View Trail Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) under the California Environmental Quality Act was prepared and circulated public review for the Upper City View Trail Project. A public hearing will now be held to consider adoption of the ISMND. See below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project proposes the development of a 2 to 4-ft wide, one-mile loop of narrow-gauge natural surface trail commonly known as a "hiking trail" that would begin and end on the upper leg of the existing 2.8-mile City View Trail within Low Gap Park, located in northwest Ukiah. Parking will be provided in the existing Low Gap Park parking lot and the trail will be accessed through the main park entrance. Existing restrooms, trash receptacles and water fountains are provided within the park. The trail is intended for pedestrian hikers only and will be accessible during regular Low Gap Park hours (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.).

PROJECT LOCATION: The trail would be located on a 46-acre City-owned parcel (APN: 001-030-01) located adjacent to Low Gap Park at 1167 Low Gap Rd. The eastern portion of the parcel contains a portion of the Ukiah Municipal Golf Course and is also developed with water tanks. The western portion of the parcel is developed with a portion of the existing City View Trail that the proposed trail would connect to.

PROJECT IMPACTS: The Draft ISMND prepared for the Project was circulated for public review from January 18, 2022 through February 21, 2022. As described throughout the Initial Study, temporary ground disturbing activities associated with vegetation removal and trail construction could result in direct significant impacts to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Wildfire. However, mitigation measures identified within the aforementioned sections would reduce all impacts to less than significant. The ISMND and associated documents can be found online at: http://www.cityofukiah.com/ceqa-review/ or at the Community Development Department, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482.

HEARING DATE/TIME: On **Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m**. or soon thereafter, the City of Ukiah City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the ISMND. At this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all hearings are being held virtually. More information, including the agenda, virtual meting information and instructions, as well as pertinent hearing documents, may be found online no later than 72 hours prior to the hearing at: <u>http://www.cityofukiah.com/meetings/</u>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Interested parties may contact Michelle Irace, Planning Manager 463-6203 or <u>mirace@cityofukiah.com</u>; or, visit the Community Development Department, located at 300 Seminary Ave. Office hours: 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

