

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ashbeck
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Bessinger

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Basgall, Bessinger, Mouanoutoua, Pearce
Mayor Ashbeck

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:03

Toulu Thao, President of Hmong Inc., invited the City Council to attend the Hmong New Year celebration and introduced two dance groups to perform for the audience.

Leon, Alta Sierra Robotic Coach, introduced the Alta Sierra Intermediate robotics team and the students presented their project on “The Colorful World Initiative”.

Malcolm Gibson, resident, commented on the importance of affordable housing.

Sergio Romo, resident, asked the City Council to provide an update on the commercial parking issue that he brought to the Council in September.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:45

Motion by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the November 6, 2023, Council Meeting.
2. Finance - Received and Filed – Year-end report for all funds as of June 30, 2023.
3. General Services – Approved - Claim Rejection of the General Liability Claim on behalf of Marcus Barreto.
4. Public Utilities – Approved – Award Contracts for Landscape Maintenance in LMD Zones 1, 2, 3, SE, NW, General Fund Right-of-Way, Fire Stations, and the K-9 Training Facility to Elite Maintenance and Tree Service, Inc.
5. Public Utilities – Approved – **Res. 23-102**, Authorizing the City to Apply for the CalRecycle SB 1383 Local Assistant Grant and Designating the City Manager and Public Utilities Director or their Designee to Execute Documents on behalf of the City for the CalRecycle Grant Program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:46

6:46 ITEM 6 - CONSIDER VARIOUS ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH UPDATING THE CITY'S ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:

David Rall, resident, commented on the biking trails in Clovis.

Tina Sumner, resident, spoke in support of the Active Transportation Plan and provided suggestions to the City Council.

Brent Berdine, resident, shared concerns regarding lighting on the trails and bicyclist safety education.

Jeni-Ann Kren, resident, commented on sharing the walkways with dogs and suggested more amenities along the trails such as trash cans.

6A. APPROVED - RES. 23-103, A REQUEST TO APPROVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF CLOVIS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Mouanoutoua. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6B. APPROVED - RES. 23-104, A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE CITY OF CLOVIS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Mouanoutoua. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 7:33

7:33 ITEM 7 - RECEIVED AND FILED – REPORT ASSESSMENT ELECTION RESULTS FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, BENEFIT ZONES 2 AND 5.

Malcolm Gibson, resident, encouraged the City to have more community outreach on educating the public about the elections and the impacts.

7:55 ITEM 8 - RECEIVED AND FILED – UPDATE ON CITY OF CLOVIS CIVIC CENTER LANDSCAPING.

David Rall, resident, encouraged the City Council to prioritize this project.

COUNCIL ITEMS – 8:07

8:07 ITEM 9 - RECEIVED AND FILED – UPDATE ON MEASURE C, A HALF-CENT SALES TAX USED TO FUND A PORTION OF FRESNO COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

Resident addressed comments made by Councilmember Bessinger regarding decisions made by elected officials.

8:20 ITEM 10 - APPROVED – CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CITY OF CLOVIS THEMED CHILDREN’S BOOK INCLUDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
Resident, shared concerns regarding the process of developing a children’s book and fact-checking.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Mouanoutoua. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8:35 ITEM 11 - APPROVED – CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.

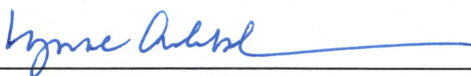
Motion for approval by Councilmember Pearce, seconded by Councilmember Basgall.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 8:36

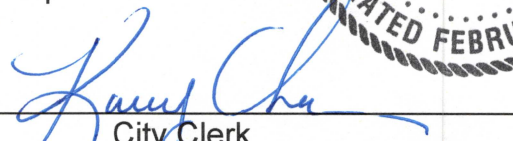
COUNCIL COMMENTS – 8:36

Mayor Ashbeck adjourned the meeting of the Council to December 4, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 8:47 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk



Rebecca Simonian

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 3:52 PM
To: Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian
Subject: [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2023-11-13

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 0

Full Name: Steven Trevino

Email: stevenfrijol@gmail.com

Comment: This weekend , we all observed Veteran's day. I that case , I wanted to share a story with all of you. I live on Bullard Ave. For the most part of my driving life, I have driven down Fifth Street going west , just past Sunnyside. On the left side of the street if the residence of Private Andrew Ruiz, who was killed in action during the Vietnam war. For as long as I can remember, I would see his Father raise the Flag early in the Morning and in the evenings, it had been lowered and placed away. This was a long going thing until recently. While most of you may wonder why I why would relate this to you, I believe this is part of our heritage and legacy. I did not know him personally , but I know who his family was. I hope this provokes a little thought for today.. Steven Trevino

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

Date: November 13, 2023

Time: 3:51 pm

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CITY of CLOVIS

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Planning and Development Services

DATE: November 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Consider items associated with updating the City's Active Transportation Plan:

a) Consider Recommendation for Approval, Res. 23-____, A request to approve an environmental finding of a Negative Declaration for the City of Clovis Active Transportation Plan Update.

b) Consider Recommendation for Approval, Res. 23-____, A request to approve City of Clovis Active Transportation Plan Update

Staff: Tatiana Partain, Management Analyst / Ryan Burnett, Engineering Program Manager

Recommendation: Approve

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Correspondence dated November 13, 2023 from the County of Fresno
2. Correspondence dated November 9, 2023 from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Staff received correspondence after the staff report was complete from the County of Fresno and from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The correspondence from the County of Fresno states that they have no comments at this time. The correspondence from the CDFW are comments and recommendations regarding the Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the project.

Staff reviewed the comments from CDFW and have determined that the comments do not provide any new information that would require revisions to the Initial Study/Negative Declaration. The letter was drafted as if the adoption of the CEQA document will authorize future development of individual projects; however, as identified in Section 2.1 (p. 2-1) and Section 2.6 (p. 2-8), adoption of the CEQA document will not authorize any development.

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is intended as a guidance and policy document for future projects in the City. Future projects identified in the ATP will be subject to the appropriate level of site specific CEQA analysis, including biological analysis, and will be required to mitigate impacts, if necessary. Therefore, the City does not need to undertake additional biological evaluation at this time and no changes to the current Initial Study/Negative Declaration is required.



County of

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
Fresno
STEVE WHITE, DIRECTOR

November 13, 2023

Tatiana Partain, Management Analyst
Planning Division
City of Clovis
1033 Fifth Street
Clovis, CA 93612

SUBJECT: City of Clovis Notice of Intent and Public Hearing –Active Transportation Plan (ATP)
Update

Dear Ms. Partain:

The County of Fresno appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the subject project being reviewed by the City of Clovis.

The documents received for this review were circulated to our various Fresno County Public Works and Planning divisions. Based on the County's initial review, we offer no comments from our divisions at this time.

If you have any questions regarding the information described in this letter, please contact me at eracusin@FresnoCountyCA.gov or (559) 600-4245.

Sincerely,

Elliot Racusin

Elliot Racusin, Planner
Development Services and Capital Projects Division

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ATTACHMENT 1



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GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor
CHARLTON H. BONHAM, Director



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**Subject: City of Clovis Active Transportation Plan Update Project (Plan)
Recirculated Initial Study (IS)/Negative Declaration (ND)
SCH No.: 2022020040**

Dear Ryan Burnett:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a recirculated Initial Study (IS)/Negative Declaration (ND) from the City of Clovis for the City of Clovis Active Transportation Plan Update (Plan) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding those activities involved in the Plan that may affect California fish and wildlife. Likewise, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding those aspects of the Plan that CDFW, by law, may be required to carry out or approve through the exercise of its own regulatory authority under the Fish and Game Code. While the comment period may have ended, CDFW would appreciate it if the City would still consider our comments.

CDFW ROLE

CDFW is California's **Trustee Agency** for fish and wildlife resources and holds those resources in trust by statute for all the people of the State (Fish & Game Code, Section 711.7, subd. (a) & 1802; Pub. Resources Code, Section 21070; CEQA Guidelines Section 15386, subd. (a)). CDFW, in its trustee capacity, has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (Id., Section 1802). Similarly, for purposes of CEQA, CDFW is charged by law to provide, as available, biological expertise during public agency environmental review efforts, focusing

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specifically on projects and related activities that have the potential to adversely affect fish and wildlife resources.

CDFW is also submitting comments as a **Responsible Agency** under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, Section 21069; CEQA Guidelines, Section 15381). CDFW expects that it may need to exercise regulatory authority as provided by the Fish and Game Code. As proposed, for example, reasonably foreseeable future projects tiered from this Plan may be subject to CDFW's lake and streambed alteration regulatory authority (Fish & Game Code, Section 1600 et seq.). Likewise, to the extent implementation of reasonably foreseeable future projects tiered from this Plan may result in "take" as defined by State law of any species protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish & Game Code, Section 2050 et seq.), related authorization as provided by the Fish and Game Code may be required.

PLAN DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Proponent: City of Clovis

Objective: The City of Clovis (City) has developed the Active Transportation Plan Update (Plan) with the intent of providing a comprehensive document outlining projects and programs that support walking and bicycling for a variety of trip purposes in the City. The proposed Project is the adoption of the City's Active Transportation Plan Update. Specific development is not being proposed under this Plan and adoption of the Negative Declaration would not authorize any development. The Plan is intended as a guidance document.

This Plan shows that all CEQA environmental findings remained the same between the original Negative Declaration (ND) circulated in February 2022 and the Recirculated ND circulated in September 2023. The Plan goes on to state that the recirculated CEQA documents, and the Project will not result in any significant and unavoidable environmental impacts.

Location: The Project area is the City of Clovis, in Fresno County, California

Timeframe: Unspecified

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CDFW offers the following comments and recommendations to assist the City of Clovis in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the Plan's significant, or potentially significant, direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on fish and wildlife (biological) resources. Editorial comments or other suggestions may also be included to improve the CEQA document prepared for this Plan.

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The IS/ND indicates that reasonably foreseeable future projects would be tiered from this Plan. CDFW suggests that the IS/ND be updated to provide an overall cumulative impacts analysis for biological species that could potentially be present and/or negatively impacted by the reasonably foreseeable future projects and their activities that will be tiered from this Plan.

COMMENT 1: Protocol Level Surveys

CDFW did not find any measures included in the IS/ND document indicating the need to consider protocol level surveys that may be needed for future projects tiered from the Plan. While the proposed adoption of the Plan would not result in direct physical changes, future development of project components contained in the Plan could potentially affect protected biological species and/or habitats. Construction and operation of trails, paths, signage, etc. may occur in biologically sensitive areas. Individual projects tiered from the Plan would be subject to site-specific environmental review, at which time the City should identify the potential presence of endangered or listed species.

CDFW recommends for all future projects tiered from this Plan that qualified biologists and/or botanists assist with the scoping effort for projects by conducting additional database searches for potential wildlife, plant, and invertebrate species and rare habitat types, and conduct early consultation with CDFW to help with this identification effort. CDFW then recommends that these qualified individuals perform appropriate reconnaissance, biological, and/or protocol surveys, as appropriate, as part of the biological technical studies conducted in support of the ensuing CEQA documents tiered from this Plan.

COMMENT 2: Special-Status Species

CDFW did not find any special status species information in the IS/ND. Based on aerial imagery and species occurrence records from the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) (CDFW 2023), the proposed Plan Area is known to and/or has the potential to support special-status species, and these resources need to be evaluated and addressed prior to any approvals that would allow ground-disturbing activities or land use changes. CDFW is concerned regarding potential impacts to special status species including, but not limited to, the State endangered (SE) and Federally endangered (FE) least bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), the State threatened (ST) and federally threatened (FT) California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), the ST tri-colored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*), the State candidate endangered (SCE) Crotch's bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), and State Species of Special Concern (SSC) burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), western pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*), and western spadefoot (*Spea hammondi*).

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CDFW recommends that the IS/ND for this Plan include a cumulative impacts analysis of the past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects to be implemented within the Plan Area on all special-status biological resources. At a minimum, CDFW recommends that each of the species listed above be included in the cumulative impacts analysis conducted as part of the IS/ND for this Plan with specific recommendations for focused biological surveys conducted by a qualified biologist and appropriate permits acquired for future projects tiered from this Plan.

COMMENT 3: Cumulative Impacts

CDFW did not find any analysis of cumulative impacts during review of the IS/ND for the Plan and therefore has the following recommendation: Given that a Transportation Plan serves primarily as a planning tool and that future project-level CEQA documents are expected to be tiered from it, CDFW recommends that a cumulative impact analysis be conducted for all potential biological resources that will either be significantly or potentially significantly impacted by implementation of this Plan, including those whose impacts are determined to be less than significant with mitigation incorporated or for those resources that are rare or in poor or declining health and will be impacted by the any future project tiered from this Plan, even if those impacts are expected to be relatively small (i.e. less than significant). CDFW recommends cumulative impacts be analyzed using an acceptable methodology to evaluate the impacts of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects on resources and be focused specifically on the resource, not the project. An appropriate resource study area identified and utilized for this analysis is advised. CDFW staff is available for consultation in support of cumulative impacts analyses as a trustee and responsible agency under CEQA.

COMMENT 4: California Endangered Species Act

Reasonably foreseeable future projects tiered from this Plan may be subject to CDFW's regulatory authority pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). If species listed under CESA are detected during surveys, consultation with CDFW is warranted to discuss how to implement the Project and avoid "take," or if avoidance is not feasible, to acquire a State Incidental Take Permit (ITP), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081 subdivision (b), prior to any ground disturbing activities. In addition, CDFW advises that mitigation measures for CESA listed species be fully addressed in the CEQA document prepared for any future project tiered from this Plan.

CDFW therefore recommends that the IS/ND for this Plan include information related to these requirements and advises that projects tiered from this Plan retain a qualified biologist to determine if potential impacts to CESA listed species may require the need to obtain a 2081 ITP.

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COMMENT 5: Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement

According to the information contained on page 3-34 in the IS/ND, the City of Clovis and surrounding area is within three drainages including Dry Creek, Dog Creek, and Redbank Slough.

There are also numerous storm drains in the City and surrounding area draining to approximately 31 retention basins. The City of Clovis' reasonably foreseeable future projects tiered from this Plan may be subject to CDFW's regulatory authority pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq. Fish and Game Code section 1602 requires project proponents to notify CDFW prior to commencing any activity that may (a) substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of any river, stream, or lake; (b) substantially change or use any material from the bed, bank, or channel of any river, stream, or lake; or (c) deposit debris, waste or other materials that could pass into any river, stream, or lake. "Any river, stream, or lake" includes those that are ephemeral or intermittent as well as those that are perennial in nature. For additional information on 1602 notification requirements, please contact our staff in the Lake and Streambed Alteration Program at (559) 243-4593 or R4LSA@wildlife.ca.gov.

CDFW therefore recommends that the IS/ND for this Plan include information related to these requirements of Fish and Game code and advises that projects tiered from this Plan retain a qualified biologist to determine if potential impacts to streams may require the need to notify and potentially obtain a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement.

COMMENT 6: Botanical Surveys

CDFW did not find any discussion of botanical surveys in the IS/ND. CDFW recommends that the IS/ND for this Plan include a measure requiring that each project site, for projects implemented within the Plan Area, be surveyed by a qualified botanist for any possible special-status plants following the "Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities" (<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=18959&inline>) during biological technical studies completed in support of the future CEQA documents tiered from this Plan. CDFW recommends that the plant surveys be floristic and, if necessary, utilize a known reference site for any special status plants in order to provide a high level of confidence in the effort and results.

If a special status plant is found, CDFW recommends that the special status plant species be avoided whenever possible by delineating and observing a no disturbance buffer of at least 50 feet from the outer edge of the plant population(s) or specific habitat type(s) required by special status plant species. If buffers cannot be maintained, then consultation with CDFW is warranted to determine appropriate minimization and mitigation measures for impacts to special-status plant species. If a State or federally

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listed plant species is identified during botanical surveys, it is recommended that consultation with CDFW and/or the USFWS be conducted to determine permitting needs.

COMMENT 7: Nesting birds

CDFW did not find any analysis of cumulative impacts on nesting birds in the IS/ND. CDFW recommends that all projects tiered from this Plan occur during the bird non-nesting season; however, if ground-disturbing or vegetation-disturbing activities must occur during the breeding season (February 1 through September 15), each future project applicant is responsible for ensuring that implementation of their project does not result in a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act or relevant Fish and Game Codes as referenced above.

To evaluate future project-related impacts on nesting birds, CDFW recommends that a qualified biologist conduct an assessment of nesting habitat during biological surveys in support of each project's CEQA document, and then conduct pre-activity surveys for active nests no more than one week prior to the start of ground or vegetation disturbance to maximize the probability that nests that could potentially be impacted are detected. CDFW also recommends that surveys cover a sufficient area around each future project site to identify nests and determine their status. A sufficient area means any area potentially affected by a project. In addition to direct impacts (i.e., nest destruction), noise, vibration, and movement of workers or equipment could also affect nests. Prior to initiation of construction activities, CDFW recommends that a qualified biologist conduct a survey to establish a behavioral baseline of all identified nests. Once construction begins, CDFW recommends having a qualified biologist continuously monitor nests to detect behavioral changes resulting from each future project. If behavioral changes occur, CDFW recommends halting the work causing that change and consulting with CDFW for additional avoidance and minimization measures.

If continuous monitoring of identified nests by a qualified biologist is not feasible, CDFW recommends a minimum no-disturbance buffer of 250 feet around active nests of non-listed bird species and a 500-foot no-disturbance buffer around active nests of non-listed raptors. These buffers are advised to remain in place until the breeding season has ended or until a qualified biologist has determined that the birds have fledged and are no longer reliant upon the nest or on-site parental care for survival. Variance from these no-disturbance buffers is possible when there is compelling biological or ecological reason to do so, such as when the construction areas would be concealed from a nest site by topography. CDFW recommends that a qualified biologist advise and support any variance from these buffers and notify CDFW in advance of implementing a variance.

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COMMENT 8: CEQA Alternatives Analysis

CDFW recommends that the information and results obtained from the cumulative impacts analysis conducted as part of this Plan's CEQA document be used to develop and modify the Plan's alternatives to avoid and minimize impacts to biological resources to the maximum extent possible. Please note that for all future projects tiered from this Plan, that when efforts to avoid and minimize have been exhausted, remaining impacts to sensitive biological resources may need to be mitigated to reduce impacts to a less than significant level, if feasible.

CNDDDB

Please note that the CNDDDB is populated by records through voluntary submissions of species detections. As a result, species may be present in locations not depicted in the CNDDDB but where there is suitable habitat and features capable of supporting species. A lack of an occurrence record in the CNDDDB does not mean a species is not present. All projects tiered from this Plan should adequately assess any potential project-related impacts to biological resources by ensuring biological surveys are conducted by a qualified biologist during the appropriate survey period(s) and using the appropriate protocol survey methodology as warranted in order to determine whether or not any special status species are present at or near the project area.

Federally Listed Species: CDFW recommends consulting with USFWS regarding potential impacts to federally listed species including but not limited to the federally endangered least bell's vireo and the federally threatened California tiger salamander. Take under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) is more broadly defined than CESA; take under FESA also includes significant habitat modification or degradation that could result in death or injury to a listed species by interfering with essential behavioral patterns such as breeding, foraging, or nesting. Consultation with the USFWS in order to comply with FESA is advised well in advance of any future project activities tiered from this Plan.

Environmental Data

CEQA requires that information developed in environmental impact reports and negative declarations be incorporated into a database which may be used to make subsequent or supplemental environmental determinations. (Pub. Resources Code, Section 21003, subd. (e).) Accordingly, please report any special-status species and natural communities detected during any future project surveys to the CNDDDB. The CNDDDB field survey form can be found at the following link: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/Submitting-Data>. The completed form can be mailed electronically to CNDDDB at the following email address:

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CNDDDB@wildlife.ca.gov. The types of information reported to CNDDDB can be found at the following link: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/Plants-and-Animals>.

Filing Fees

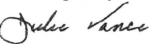
The Plan, as proposed, would have an impact on fish and/or wildlife, and assessment of filing fees is necessary. Fees are payable upon filing of the Notice of Determination by the Lead Agency and serve to help defray the cost of environmental review by CDFW. Payment of the fee is required in order for the underlying Plan approval to be operative, vested, and final. (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, Section 753.5; Fish & G. Code, Section 711.4; Pub. Resources Code, Section 21089.)

CONCLUSION

CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the IS/ND to assist the City of Clovis in identifying, analyzing, and mitigating this Plan's impacts on biological resources.

More information on survey and monitoring protocols for sensitive species can be found at CDFW's website (<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Survey-Protocols>). Please see the enclosed Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) table which corresponds with recommended mitigation measures in this comment letter. Questions regarding this letter or further coordination should be directed to Kelley Nelson, Environmental Scientist, at (559) 580-3194 or Kelley.Nelson@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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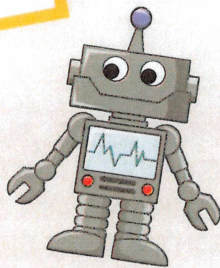
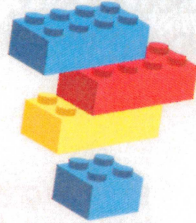
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WHO WE ARE – LEGO EN FUEGO

WE ARE A FIRST LEGO LEAGUE CHALLENGE (FLLC) TEAM, WHICH IS PART OF FIRST, A GLOBAL ROBOTICS NETWORK.



"LEGO EN FUEGO" IS
LEGO ON FIRE
IN SPANISH

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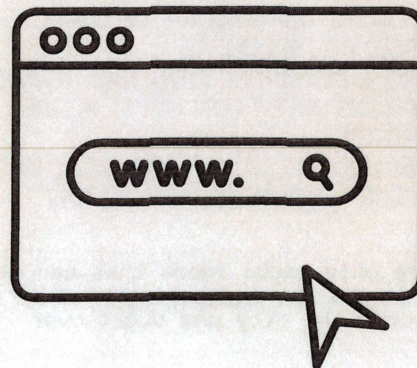
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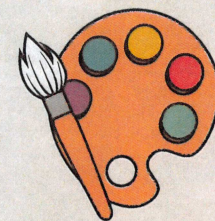
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<https://www.cityofpalocalto.org/Departments/Community-Services/Arts-Sciences/Public-Art-Program>



THE COLORFUL WORLD INITIATIVE





THE PROBLEM

- THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SHOWS THAT CITIES ARE STARTING TO LOOK THE SAME
- 2 CENTURIES AGO, ONLY 15% OF ALL ITEMS WERE GRAYSCALE, NOW 60% OF ITEMS ARE EITHER BLACK, WHITE, OR GRAY (INC.COM)
- RESEARCH IN COGNITIVE SCIENCES SHOWS THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TOLL IN BLAND CITYSCAPES (THECUT.COM)

THEN

VS.

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WHAT WE DO

CWI IS AN ORGANIZATION WITH A MISSION TO MOTIVATE MUNICIPAL LEADERS, CITY PLANNERS, DEVELOPERS, AND ARCHITECTS TO CREATE MORE COLORFUL, ARTISTICALLY INSPIRING, AND CHILD-FRIENDLY CITIES.

WE...

- SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF WHY WE SHOULD FIX BORING CITIES
- ENCOURAGE CITIES TO ADD ART TO CITY DESIGN AND SUGGEST HOW TO DO IT
- CREATE A NETWORK OF CITIES THAT WANT TO BUILD A MORE COLORFUL WORLD

WE SUGGEST

- AN ART COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF CREATING ARTISTIC EXPERIENCES IN PUBLIC SPACES, LIKE PALO ALTO CALIFORNIA
- A MORE CHILD INSPIRING CITY, LIKE THE CASA BATLLO IN BARCELONA, SPAIN
- A BRIGHTER AND COLORFUL CITY LIKE TOKYO, JAPAN

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, WE COULD...

- USE CARBON CAPTURE PAINTS TO LOWER CO2 LEVELS
- USE THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF PLANTS TO DECORATE BUILDINGS LIKE MILAN, ITALY

TO MAKE IT EVER-CHANGING AND SEASONAL...

- WE COULD USE SEASONAL DECORATIONS BASED ON THE HOLIDAY
- HAVE A DECORATING EVENT THAT ALWAYS HAPPENS ONCE A YEAR LIKE ST. HELENS, OREGON
- USE LIQUID CRYSTAL PAINTS THAT CHANGE COLOR BASED ON THE TEMPERATURE

*These are only vague ideas that can get you started. We are not suggesting that we should scrap the city and start over

IMPACT

BY MAKING CITIES MORE COLORFUL AND ARTISTIC, IT WILL BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS PSYCHOLOGICALLY, AND CREATE A MORE FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT FOR THEM TO LIVE IN.

EX: THE BROKEN WINDOW THEORY:

-VISIBLE SIGNS OF CRIME, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR, AND CIVIL DISORDER CREATES AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT THAT ENCOURAGES FURTHER CRIME AND DISORDER.

-THAT IS A NEGATIVE FEEDBACK LOOP. IF WE DO THE OPPOSITE, IT WILL CREATE A POSITIVE FEEDBACK LOOP

BRENDON WALKER, AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM, HAS WRITTEN THAT HUMAN PSYCHE BENEFITS TREMENDOUSLY FROM CITYSCAPES THAT ARE VARIED IN DESIGN AND STYLE (JONATHAN SMITH).