

CITY OF AVALON
PUBLIC NOTICE
OF INTENT TO ADOPT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
‘DESCANSO’ CANYON SWING ADVENTURE

Pursuant to Division 6, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 6, Sections 15070 and 15071 of the California Code of Regulations, the **City of Avalon** has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project, which is described as follows:

PROJECT TITLE: CANYON SWING ADVENTURE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project involves the installation of a cable-suspended pedestrian bridge across Descanso Canyon. The improvements will consist of a bridge entry platform, a steel cable bridge, approximately 4’ wide stretching from a point just below Hogsback Road (South Hillside) to a point on the hillside approximately 100’ above Hamilton Cove Road (North Hillside). The actual bridge walking deck will initially be installed halfway across the span to allow guests to walk only as far as the activity zone. The cables (without decking) will continue across the canyon to rock anchor connections on the North Hillside; at the South Hillside, a second cable will stretch across the canyon to the North Hillside to support the swing cable. The project will include a small widening of Hogsback Road to provide for a vehicle turn-out for guest drop-off. A set of stairs from the turn-out will lead guests to the bridge entry platform below Hogsback Road. In the ‘drop zone’, a landing area will be created that will allow for vehicle access and short-term parking along with viewing area for spectators.

PROJECT LOCATION: The three cables stretch across Descanso Canyon for a distance of approximately 600 feet (for the bridge) and 1200 feet (for the swing) roughly parallel to the shoreline, approximately 400 – 500 ft. above the high tide line.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of Avalon, Planning Commission

CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Cook

NAME OF ENTITY OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Santa Catalina Island Resort Services

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: The City of Avalon has determined that all environmental impacts of the proposed project are either less than significant or can be mitigated to a less than significant level with implementation of the mitigation measures set forth in the Initial Study. Consequently, the City has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration should be prepared in order to analyze the potential adverse environmental impacts of the proposed project.

The attached Environmental Checklist/Initial Study has been prepared by the City in support of this Mitigated Negative Declaration. Further information including the project file and supporting reports and studies may be reviewed at the City of Avalon, 410 Avalon Canyon Road, Avalon, CA.

MITIGATION MEASURES: Mitigation measures have been identified for the proposed project and are identified in the Initial Study.

PUBLIC REVIEW: A period of Thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the notice of this Intent to Adopt will be provided to enable public review of the project specifications, the Initial Study and these documents prior to the final adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration by the Lead Agency. A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is on file in the Planning Department, Avalon City Hall, 410 Avalon Canyon Road, Avalon, CA 90704.

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