

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

September 19, 2025
City of Firebaugh
1133 "P" St. Firebaugh, CA 93622
559-659-2043

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Firebaugh.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 7, 2025, the City of Firebaugh will submit a request to HCD for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Firebaugh Maldonado Park Facilities Expansion for the purpose of funding the construction of an expansion of the existing Maldonado Park onto an adjoining previously undeveloped area of the park site located at 1602 Thomas Conboy Avenue City of Firebaugh, Fresno County, CA. The proposed project will provide major recreational and support amenity enhancements to the City's Maldonado Park including the following: Construct new concrete walkways; install asphalt paving; construct a new playground; construct a tennis/pickleball court, install fencing; install sports field lighting and other electrical upgrades; install landscaping and irrigation and storm drain lines and infrastructure.

Construction is anticipated to take between 6 to 8 months and will utilize standard site preparation construction equipment including, but not limited to, graders, backhoes, trenchers, bulldozers, skid steer equipment, soil compactors and hauling equipment including dump trucks and semi-trucks. Depth of ground disturbance will vary across the site due to leveling of the uneven site along with installation of drainage infrastructure and electrical lines along with curbing and other shallow concrete and asphalt work.

Project funding includes \$3,300,000 in CDBG funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Firebaugh has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall, 1133 P Street in the City of Firebaugh and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. or on the City's website at <https://firebaugh.org>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Firebaugh at the above address. All comments received by October 6, 2025, will be considered

by the City of Firebaugh prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Firebaugh certifies to HCD that Ben Gallegos, City Manager, in his capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Firebaugh to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Firebaugh's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Firebaugh; (b) the City of Firebaugh has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HCD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to HCD, Attn: Felicity L. Gasser, Community Development Branch Chief, at NEPAcomments@HCD.ca.gov. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ben Gallegos
City Manager, City of Firebaugh