

# Crescentwood Cemetery

County of San Diego

Major Use Permit

March 22, 2023

## Project Overview

The proposed Crescentwood Cemetery (Cemetery) is located at 35252 Old Hwy 80, La Posta, CA, approximately 2.3 miles east of La Posta Road, in Campo/Lake Morena Community Plan area. The vacant 37.54-acre site is identified as APN 608-080-33. The Cemetery project proposes a burial site, paved internal circulation driveways, pathways, parking lot, storage, small viewing gazebo, and perimeter fencing. All pre-burial ceremonial actions, prayers, and preparation of the body to lay rest is planned to take place off-site.

## Project Description

The proposed project site is in the Rural Lands general plan designation (RL 40) and is zoned for General Rural (S92) use. The site is currently vacant with two different types of Chaparral: Granitic Chamise Chaparral and Red Shank Chaparral. The project site does not contain steep slopes or wetlands. A natural drainage in the southeast conveys runoff through the project site from Interstate 8 and Hwy 80 with no co-mingling of other runoffs. The 37.54-acres are made up of approximately 15 acres dedicated for open space easement adjacent to existing Bureau Land Management parcel and 16.4 acres designated for cemetery and circulation use. The remaining 5.85 acres will be used for Stormwater quality basins and buffers, with a southeasterly drainage swale being protected in its natural state.

## Project Approval

Approval of this major use permit authorizes the following: A Cemetery use pursuant to San Diego County Zoning Ordinance Sections #1350, 2920, 2926, 6901, and 7350 with components as described above.

## Grading and Storm Water

The proposed grading will be site balanced with 21,000 cubic yards of cut and fill. Grading has been minimized and accounts for the project's internal circulation system and removal of high and low points to create rolling topography suitable for the burial. Import of approximately 10,500 CY of DG, top soil, rock aggregate asphalt, and similar materials in support of construction of BMP's and internal access drives are proposed.

A series of 3 Stormwater quality basins are proposed in the northeast, northwest, and southwest corners, with ancillary conveyance systems. Grass lined swales, rip rap, and dispersion areas are also included.

Brush removal of the burial areas is planned to be accomplished in segments of up to one acre at a time or as needed for burial in order to decrease susceptibility to erosion due to rainfall.

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### Site Access

The project proposes a paved entry driveway off Hwy 80, a series of paved 18' and 24' wide paved looped drives, and a system of DG surfaced or similar pedestrian access pathways. The maximum gradient of all access drives will not exceed 15 percent and will be paved with asphalt

Project entrance will be controlled by a wrought iron entry gate equipped with fire authority approved Knox key-operated switch. The site will be fenced with a 6-foot chain link fence along the east, south, and north sides, and a 6-foot wrought iron fence along the site frontage of the site on Highway 80.

Proposed paved parking lot includes 38 spaces for cars and 2 small bus spaces.

A non-illuminated sign will also be located at the entrance.

No frontage improvements along Hwy 80 are proposed. A 15' wide trail easement will be dedicated along the property line on Hwy 80.

### Services and Utilities

The site is not within a sewer and water district. The site contains an existing water well with an output of 15 gpm. Portable toilets will be provided and maintained by the cemetery. The site is within the County Service Area (CSA) 135. A 10,000-gal water storage tank with a fire department connection is provided for fire protection. The 10,000-gal water tank will also be used for irrigation purposes.

### Project Operations

The Cemetery project proposes only a burial site. It is anticipated that all pre-burial ceremonial actions, prayers, and preparation of the body to lay rest will take place at the Islamic Center of San Diego on 7050 Eckstrom Avenue in San Diego and/or at an approved mortuary service facility. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 4 burials per month, and buses will be available for transportation of guests to the project site. The Cemetery is anticipated to be open dusk to dawn as needed for burial.

Future facilities are planned for the site and are not part of this action and may be implemented under a separate permit as required by the County of San Diego.

Well water will be used for landscape irrigation and fire suppression purposes only. No additional water will be needed; the existing water well and proposed water storage tank in the southeast corner of the site will be used if necessary.

Lighting is required for maintenance and security purposes only, with a maximum wattage of 100 watts. Outdoor lighting circuits will incorporate dusk-to-dawn photocell controllers, occupancy sensors, and/or switches as appropriate. All lighting will be shielded and will conform to the County of San Diego outdoor lighting requirements.