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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Corona del Mar Middle and High School Sports Field Project

Public Notice: Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act as amended to date, notice is hereby given that the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (District or N-MUSD), as Lead Agency, is circulating for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Corona del Mar Middle and High School (CdM MS/HS) Sports Field Project.

Project Title: Corona del Mar Middle and High School Sports Field Project

Project Location: Corona del Mar Middle and High School is located at 2101 Eastbluff Drive (Assessor's Parcel Map Number 440-092-06), City of Newport Beach, Orange County, California.

Project Description: The District is proposing to provide various sports field improvements near the northeast corner of the existing CdM MS/HS campus. The improvements include replacing and reconfiguring the existing sports field with new synthetic-turf sports field, constructing 1,000-seat capacity bleachers (700 home side and 300 visitor side), a press-box, public address (PA) system, and a 3,000-square-foot restroom/ticket/concession/storage building, and installing nighttime lighting system consisting of four 80-foot poles with 14 luminaires per pole and other necessary wet and dry utility systems. Creation of the reconfigured sports field would disturb approximately 6 acres of the existing CdM MS/HS campus. Other minor physical changes identified for other parts of the campus would include signage, fencing, pathways, placement of gates, etc.

The proposed sports field is designed to accommodate non-high-profile regular games with projected attendance of less than 1,000 spectators and expanded practice use. It is anticipated that games projected to exceed 1,000 spectators, including large spectator varsity football games, will likely be scheduled at an off-site facility, and games with smaller anticipated crowds may be scheduled at this new sports field. A lower profile Friday night football game is considered the "maximum event" anticipated because it has the greatest potential to reach 1,000 spectators and would include band performances, cheerleaders, and use of the PA system, ending by 10 PM. The proposed project would adhere to the adopted Board Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities, where the sport field use, including lights, is generally limited to 8 PM for practices and 10 PM for games.

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Public Review: The DEIR is available for a 45-day review period beginning **February 6, 2017**, and ending **March 22, 2017**. Copies of the DEIR are available for review online (PDF file can be downloaded) at www.nmusd.us/CdMField, and hard copies are available at the following locations:

Newport-Mesa Unified School District
Education Center
2985 Bear Street, Building A
Costa Mesa, California 92626

Corona del Mar MS/HS
Administrative Office
2101 Eastbluff Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Responses: Written comments on the proposed project must be received no later than 5 PM on March 22, 2017. Send comments to the attention of Ara Zareczny, LEED/AP, Director, Facilities Development, Planning and Design, at N-MUSD, 2985 Bear Street, Building A, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Comments may also be submitted via email to feedback@nmusd.us; include the name of the project in the subject heading.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held at the District Education Center, 2985 Bear Street, Building A Roderick H. MacMillian Board Room, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, on **April 25, 2017,** at 6 PM.

For more information, please contact Ara Zareczny, LEED/AP, Director, Facilities Development, Planning and Design, at (714) 424-7522.

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