CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

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County of Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway, Rm 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Lead Agency) Hacienda La Puente Unified School District
15959 East Gale Avenue
City of Industry, CA 91716-0002

Applicant: Same as above

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Addendum to New Replacement K-5 School and Four Baseball Fields Retention, No Residential Development (Variant) (formerly known as the Wedgeworth K-8 School and Residential Development Project) Environmental Impact Report
Project Title

SCH No. 2019071040	Joel Duarte, Director of Purchasing and Warehouse	626-933-3932
State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to Clearinghouse)	Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone/Extension

16949 Wedgeworth Drive, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 (Assessor's Parcel Number 8209-001-901).
Project Location:

The District proposes to modify the Approved Project as approved at the May 6, 2021 Board meeting (continued to May 11, 2021) by removing one of the classroom building (Building D) and modifying Building E from two stories to one story. The Modified Project would allow up to 760 K-5 students. The Modified Project would reconfigure the hardcourts and playfields because sharing one of the baseball field for school use would not be necessary with the replacement K-5 school. The Modified Project also deletes the three basketball courts from the western side of the campus in the Approved Project. As with the Approved Project, the Modified Project would include an underground storm drainage retention basin, but the location of the drainage structure would shift slightly. The Modified Project would reconfigure the drive apron for access to the baseball field from Eagle Park Road and the parking for the baseball fields so that minimal disturbances are made to the existing baseball field parking. The hardcourts and drive apron reconfiguration resulted in minimal disturbance to the existing baseball fields parking so that construction of a new 114-stall parking lot would not be necessary, therefore, a 40-stall parking lot would be provided along the eastern boundary with room for additional parking just south of the southern baseball fields. The original EIR was certified; the MMRP, Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations were adopted; and the lead agency decided to carry out the project by a Resolution adopted on May 11, 2021 as a continuance of the May 6, 2021 Board meeting. The Addendum to the certified EIR was adopted on June 10, 2021. See Attached Resolution.
Project Description:

This is to advise that the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on June 10, 2021 (Date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

   ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒were ☐were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and the record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

District Website: WWW.HLPSCHOOLS.ORG/WSP and District Offices: 15959 East Gale Avenue, City of Industry, California 91716-0002

Date received for filing and posting at OPR:

Signature (Public Agency)

Title

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020/21-43

OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ADDENDUM FOR THE WEDGEWORTH K-5 SCHOOL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the District created the Wedgeworth K-8 School and Residential Development Project ("Proposed Project") to support 1,200 students in five new, permanent classrooms and support buildings, playfields, hardscape, parking, drop-off and pick-up area, and landscaping and a residential development capable of supporting up to 160 residential units; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2021, the District adopted Resolution No. 2020/21-39 that certified the Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"); adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Findings, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations; and decided to carry out a variant to the Proposed Project that was for a K-5 School with an enrollment of 600 students, retention of Hacienda Heights Little League's fields and supporting buildings at the Highlander Sports Complex ("Highlander") on a portion of the Wedgeworth campus property ("Approved Project"), and no residential component; and

WHEREAS, the District developed the "Modified Project" for the new K-5 school to serve an enrollment of 760 students, avoid interfering with the Junior baseball field by siting the new soccer field on a portion of the new 114-space parking lot and adjacent areas in the southeastern section of the campus; reducing the new southwestern parking lot to 40 spaces; adjusting the location of the underground stormwater retention basin; and retaining the Highlander entrance in same approximate location by eliminating three new basketball courts from the western portion of the campus to free up additional parking for Highlander on the west side of the campus near the Highlander entrance; and

WHEREAS, the District, as lead agency, caused to be prepared, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq. "CEQA") and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Cal. Code of Regs., § 15000 et seq. the "CEQA Guidelines"), an "EIR Addendum" for the Modified Project; and

WHEREAS, the EIR Addendum describes the changed components of the Modified Project, analyzes impact changes, and concludes that with the already adopted MMRP from the Approved Project's EIR, no new significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and there would not be a substantial increase in the severity of significant environmental impacts disclosed in the Approved Project's EIR as a result of the Modified Project; and

WHEREAS, since no new significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur, and there would not be a substantial increase in the severity of significant impacts disclosed in the original EIR as a result of the Modified Project, the preparation of a subsequent EIR is not required; and

WHEREAS, the EIR Addendum was prepared per and in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education ("Board") hereby determines, finds, and resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. That the above recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. That no new significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and there would not be a substantial increase in the severity of significant impacts disclosed in the original EIR as a result of the Modified Project, as disclosed in the EIR Addendum, and the EIR Addendum is the appropriate subsequent environmental document for the Modified Project.

SECTION 3. That the Board has reviewed and considered the EIR Addendum prior to deciding whether to approve the EIR Addendum and Modified Project.

SECTION 4. That the EIR Addendum, its reference documents, the agenda item, this Resolution, and the whole of the record of proceedings wholly reflect the Board's independent judgment and analysis.

SECTION 5. The requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Modified Project.

SECTION 6. The District's Director of Purchasing and Warehouse, Joel Duarte is the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based. The record of proceedings shall be maintained at the District's Offices located at 15959 E. Gale Avenue, City of Industry, California 91745.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the EIR Addendum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby decides to carry out (i.e., approve) the Modified Project.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Education of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, at a meeting thereof duly held on the 10th day of June 2021 by a majority vote of all of its members.

ADOPTED by following vote:

AYES, and in favor of, Members: A. Duarte, C. Salazar, J. Chang, J. De La Torre.

NOES, Members: S. Serrano.

ABSTAIN, Members: None.

HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Christine H. Salazar, Clerk
Board of Education