NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

FOR REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS, STUDENT COMMONS & DINING (FASCD) BUILDING REPLACEMENT PROJECT Public Review Period: 30 Calendar Days

NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the Tamalpais Union High School District, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statutes¹ and Guidelines², intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project. The project applicant is the Tamalpais Union High School District.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Tamalpais Union High School District proposes to demolish approximately 7,900 square-feet of buildings (approximately 2,500 ft² ceramics building and 4,400 ft² music building) and approximately 24,500 ft² of hardscape to construct 32,107 ft² of new buildings and modernizing/repurposing the existing kitchen/cafeteria area in Building C into a Student Commons area. The new permanent buildings would be built in the northeast area of the school adjacent to the northeast parking lot. The proposed new buildings include an 11,094 ft² single-story cafeteria and kitchen building, a 9,744 ft² single-story music building, and a 6,648 ft² single story art and ceramics building. The proposed project includes infrastructure connections to existing electrical switchgear, potable water lines, storm sewer lines and sanitary sewer lines. Pending the passage of the Measure A Bond by the local community on the March 5, 2024 ballot, the tentative construction start is June 2024 with an anticipated completion date of December 2026.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS: The proposed project has the potential to impact the following environmental factors: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards & hazardous materials, noise and tribal cultural resources. With implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project, potentially significant impacts would be avoided, minimized, reduced or rectified to a less than significant level. This specific project would not have any possible cumulatively considerable impacts that, in addition to other projects planned for the school site in 2024, would result in a potentially significant impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Tamalpais Union High School District, in conjunction with its CEQA consultant, has prepared an Initial Study and proposed draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project pursuant to CEQA statues¹ and guidelines². The public hearing of this document is scheduled for March 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm during the regular bi-monthly Tamalpais Union High School District Board meeting. The document is available for review at the following location:

Tamalpais Union High School District Corporate Yard Facilities Planning Office 333 Doherty Drive Larkspur, CA 94939

The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be accessed from the District's website: <u>tamdistrict.org</u>. Persons interested in reviewing/receiving the documents may also contact Melissa Duggan at (415) 945-1083.

Comments on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration <u>must</u> be received <u>in writing</u> or <u>e-mail</u> by the end of the review period, which is March 7, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Please submit comments to: *Mike Woolard, Senior Director of Facilities Planning* Tamalpais Union High School District 333 Doherty Drive Larkspur, CA 94939 <u>facilitiesmodernization@tamdistrict.org</u>

¹ Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.

² Title 14, Section 15000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations