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

## FOR TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, MATH (STEAM) 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) statutes<sup>1</sup> and Guidelines<sup>2</sup>, 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 and construct several facilities in the southwestern corner of the Tamalpais High School campus. Approximately 29,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of buildings would be demolished, including Building M (15,037 ft<sup>2</sup>), Building N (6,580 ft<sup>2</sup>), Building U (1,627 ft<sup>2</sup>), Building T (2,208 ft<sup>2</sup>), Building Q (1,608 ft<sup>2</sup>), and two portables (total 1,920 ft<sup>2</sup>). New construction includes a new Music Building (7,487 ft<sup>2</sup>), four-story STEAM ten-Classroom Building (30,674 ft<sup>2</sup>) and Auto Shop Building (4,921 ft<sup>2</sup>). 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 August 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. No other projects are proposed at the school or the City of Mill Valley's project list that would overlap with the Project. Based on this, the Project would not contribute to any cumulative impacts associated with development in the Project area and no impact would result.

**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 statues<sup>1</sup> and guidelines<sup>2</sup>. 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>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Title 14, Section 15000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations