



LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Notice is hereby given that the Long Beach Unified School District has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Lakewood High School Aquatic Center Project (Proposed Project).

PROJECT LOCATION: The Proposed Project or Project would be constructed on the existing campus, with the Aquatic Center located on the southern portion of the Lakewood HS campus, located at 4400 Briercrest Avenue, Lakewood, in the County of Los Angeles (Project Site) as shown in Figure 1: Project Location. The campus is bordered by Centralia Street to the north, Lomina Avenue to the east, Harvey Way to the south, and Briercrest Avenue to the west. The Project Site is zoned Open Space (O-S) and the site is surrounded Single Family (R-1) Residential zoning to the north, east, west, and south. Further from the Project Site are commercial uses to the southeast, and Jose Del Valle Park and MacArthur Elementary School to the northeast.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project proposes to develop an aquatic center to replace the existing indoor pool at Lakewood High School, and provide a regulation size pool for water polo games or swim meets, as well as for physical education, parks and recreation, summer programs, and for the Special Olympics. Construction of the Proposed Project's main facilities will include an outdoor swimming pool, bleachers, shade structures, locker rooms/offices, restrooms, indoor and outdoor showers, stadium lights, LED scoreboard, revision of parking stalls, wall enclosures, surveillance cameras, equipment storage enclosure/rooms, and other ancillary upgrades to accommodate the facility. The Proposed Project will be in use routinely with exception of a few days in the year, as well as accommodating outside group activities that do not conflict with the needs of the school water polo and swim teams.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: The Proposed Project construction is expected to occur over a 15-month period, approximately between September 2023 and March 2025.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: In compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, an Initial Study has been prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. On the basis of the Initial Study, District staff has concluded that the Proposed Project would not have a significant impact on the environment and has therefore recommended adoption of a MND. Potentially significant impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, and Tribal Cultural resources would be mitigated to a less than significant level. The MND reflects the independent judgment of the District staff.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The MND is now available for a 30-day public review period. The District has made the IS/MND available for public review and comment pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15072. All comments must be submitted in writing to the address, email or fax number noted below. The District will receive written comments on the Draft IS/MND from June 6, 2023 to 5:00 PM on July 5, 2023.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the MND and all documents incorporated by reference in the MND are available for review at: District's website at www.lbschoolbonds.net/projects-by-school/high-schools/lakewood-hs

In addition, if you would like an electronic copy or hard copy of the MND and all documents incorporated by reference in the MND please reach out to Ferdows Fazeli at FFazeli@lbschools.net.

COMMENTS: Written comments may be submitted to:

Long Beach Unified School District or schoolbonds@lbschools.net or (562) 595-8644 (FAX)

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Agency responses to this notice should include the name of the Proposed Project “Lakewood High School Aquatic Center Project” and the contact person representing the commenting agency.

PUBLIC MEETING: Following the public review period, the Final IS/MND will be prepared, and adoption of the Final IS/MND will be considered at the regular meeting of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education.