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## **Eureka City Schools**

### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Eureka City Schools has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft-IS/MND) for the Eureka High School - Albee Stadium Renovation Project.

**Project Location:** The project is located at the Eureka High School (EHS) campus at 1915 J Street in the City of Eureka, California. The project is located on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 005-131-008, 005-132-008, 005-243-003, 005-243-004, 005-246-004, 011-121-001, and 011-131-005, portions of which are currently developed with Albee Stadium, Bud Cloney Field, and various facilities that serve athletic and/or academic functions at EHS.

**Description of Project:** The Eureka City Schools (ECS) proposes to rehabilitate the failing storm drain system and improve various athletic facilities in support of existing athletic programs.

At Albee Stadium, the project involves replacement of the existing track and field facilities, replacing the existing sod football field with a new synthetic turf football field, renovation of the softball field, new retaining walls, concrete flatwork, relocation of freestanding scoreboards, new fencing, new stadium lighting, construction of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible paths of travel, and other improvements throughout the project site. The existing parking lot will be replaced. The existing 30-inch diameter concrete storm drainpipe that conveys Cooper Creek beneath the site will be replaced using open trenching methods with a new 42-inch diameter high-performance polypropylene (HP) storm drainpipe that is sized to pass the 100-year storm flow, and the inlet will be improved with a new concrete headwall and rock energy dissipator. Various auxiliary, utility, and stormwater management improvements are also proposed, including new storm drain piping and bioretention basins to manage and treat stormwater runoff. The existing field house will be demolished and reconstructed and two new structures, including a multi-use building (such as concessions, restrooms) and athletics building (such as team rooms, restrooms), will be constructed. The press box will be renovated.

At Bud Cloney Field, the project involves renovation of the baseball field facilities, demolition of the Technology Center Building (also known as the Welding Shop), removal of the Portable Agriculture Classrooms and sheds, construction of a new parking lot, and replacement of sewer, water, electrical, and gas services. The project will construct ADA accessible paths of travel throughout the project site. The existing concrete storm drainpipe that conveys Cooper Creek beneath the site will be replaced using open trenching methods with a new HP storm drainpipe that is sized to pass the 100-year storm flow, and the outlet will be improved with a new concrete headwall and rock energy dissipator. Various auxiliary, utility, and stormwater management improvements are also proposed, including the construction of new storm drain piping and bioretention basins to manage and treat stormwater runoff.

**Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):** Eureka City Schools, as Lead Agency for the proposed project, has discretionary authority over the primary project proposal. To implement this project, Eureka City Schools may need to obtain, at a minimum, the following discretionary permits/approvals from other agencies:

- Division of the State Architect – Financing approval
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Section 404 Water Quality Permit
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board – Section 401 Water Quality Certification
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board – Construction General Permit

The Draft-IS/MND and related reference documents are available for review on the Eureka City Schools website at the following address: [www.eurekacityschools.org](http://www.eurekacityschools.org).

The public comment period begins on April 7, 2022 and will end on May 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Written comments can be emailed ([zieglerp@eurekacityschools.org](mailto:zieglerp@eurekacityschools.org)) or mailed to the attention of Paul Ziegler, Eureka City Schools, 2100 J Street, Eureka, California 95501.