



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
Rancho Mirage High School Field Lighting Project
(State Clearinghouse No. 2006011095)**

LEAD AGENCY: Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD)
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PROJECT TITLE: Rancho Mirage High School Field Lighting Project

PROJECT LOCATION: 31001 Rattler Road, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(APNs: 670-220-019 and 670-230-018)

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Palm Springs Unified School District (District), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed Rancho Mirage High School Field Lighting Project ("RMHS Field Lighting Project" or "Project"). This notice provides the public, nearby residents, and property owners, responsible agencies, and other interested parties with a summary of the Project, conclusions of the Draft SEIR, information regarding the availability of the Draft SEIR for public review, and the timeframe for submitting comments on the Draft SEIR. Comments must be submitted in writing according to the directions below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The District proposes field lighting improvements at Rancho Mirage High School around the perimeter of the baseball, softball, and practice fields. The proposed lighting improvements would include 39 lighting fixtures on poles ranging in height from 50 feet to 90 feet tall. All luminaries would utilize LED technology and would be fixed to cast light downward to reduce spill onto adjacent properties. The proposed lighting improvements of the athletic fields was prompted by the passage of Senate Bill 328, which requires high schools to start no earlier than 8:30 A.M. The proposed lights would safely allow use of the athletic fields into the evening hours; the design meets the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) recommended lighting levels.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: The Draft SEIR has considered all possible impacts and incorporated additional Mitigation Measures for the following impact areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas, Noise, Traffic, and Tribal Cultural Resources. With implementation of the mitigation measures identified, potentially significant impacts would be reduced to less than significant. The following aspects were found to not be, or minimally, impacted by the proposed Project: Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire. The proposed Project would not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to an existing cumulative impact related to similar projects within the region. The Project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code § 65962.5.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 45-day public review period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report will commence at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 and end on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Comments may be submitted to the District at the above address or via email at: facilities_planning@psusd.us

Please include "**Rancho Mirage High School Field Lighting Project**" in the subject line. Comments should include the name of a contact person within the commenting agency. Any written comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report must be received at the above District address or emailed within the public review period.

Copies of the Draft SEIR are available for public review at the District's Facilities Planning Division office.

Public Meeting. The District intends to consider adopting the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and approving the Project at its Board Meeting date to be announced at the District office located at 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264. The meeting is open to the public and all agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.