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Project Title: Monterey High School Athletic Field Improvements

Lead Agency: Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

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Project Location: Monterey Monterey City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Monterey Peninsula Unified School District ("school district") plans to implement stadium improvements at the existing high school football stadium and to improve an existing dirt area adjacent to the stadium into a multi-use field. Site improvements at the existing 3.53-acre football stadium include: new field lighting including three (3) 70-foot high and one (1) 80-foot high lighting poles, new 500-seat visitor bleachers, and new press box. Site improvements at the 2.16-acre dirt lot include: a new softball and multi-use synthetic field, improvements to a track and field event area, and 2,400 square foot weight room/team room building.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Mitigation Measures

Air Quality

AQ-1 The school district will include the following language in all future grading and construction plans for the project prior to earth moving activities:

Dust control measures will be employed to reduce visible dust leaving the project site. The following measures or equally effective substitute measures will be used:

a. Use recycled water to add moisture to the areas of disturbed soils twice a day, every day, to prevent visible dust from being blown by the wind;

b. Apply chemical soil stabilizers or dust suppressants on disturbed soils that will not be actively graded for a period of four or more consecutive days;

c. Apply non-toxic binders and/or hydro seed disturbed soils where grading is completed, but on which more than four days will pass prior to paving, foundation construction, or placement of other permanent cover;
d. Cover or otherwise stabilize stockpiles that will not be actively used for a period of four or more consecutive days, or water at least twice daily as necessary to prevent visible dust leaving the site, using raw or recycled water when feasible;

e. Maintain at least two feet of freeboard and cover all trucks hauling dirt, sand, or loose materials;

f. Install wheel washers at all construction site exit points, and sweep streets if visible soil material is carried onto paved surfaces;

g. Stop demolition, grading, and earth moving if winds exceed 15 miles per hour;

h. Pave roads, driveways, and parking areas at the earliest point feasible within the construction schedule; and

i. Post a publicly visible sign with the telephone number and person to contact regarding dust complaints. This person will respond and take corrective action within 48 hours of receiving the complaint. The phone number of the Monterey Bay Air Resources District shall also be visible to ensure compliance with Rule 402 (Nuisance).

AQ-2 The school district will include the following language in all future grading and construction plans for the project prior to earth moving activities:

a. Heavy-duty diesel trucks (gross vehicle weight rating over 26,000 pounds), older than 2010 model year and not retrofit for reduced particulate emissions, shall not be staged within 500 feet of occupied residences; and

b. Construction equipment and heavy duty diesel trucks shall not idle in excess of five minutes.

AQ-3 All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and shall be checked by a certified visible emissions evaluator. All non-road diesel construction equipment shall, at a minimum, meet Tier 3 emission standards listed in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 40, Part 89, Subpart B, §89.112.

Biological Resources

BIO-1 To avoid impacts to nesting birds during the nesting season (January 15 through September 15), construction activities that include grading, grubbing, or demolition should be conducted between September 16 and January 14, which is outside of the bird nesting season. If this type of construction occurs during the bird nesting season, then a qualified biologist will conduct a pre-construction survey for nesting birds to ensure that no nests would be disturbed during project construction.

If project-related work is scheduled during the nesting season (February 15 to August 30 for small bird species such as passerines; January 15 to September 15 for owls; and February 15 to September 15 for other raptors), a qualified biologist shall conduct nesting bird surveys. Two surveys for active nests of such birds shall occur within 14 days prior to start of construction, with the second survey conducted with 48 hours prior to start of construction. Appropriate minimum survey radius surrounding each work area is typically 250 feet for passerines, 500 feet for smaller raptors, and 1,000 feet for larger raptors. Surveys shall be conducted at the appropriate times of day to observe nesting activities.

If the qualified biologist documents active nests within the project site or in nearby surrounding areas, an appropriate buffer between each nest and active construction shall be established. The buffer shall be clearly marked and maintained until the young have fledged and are foraging independently. Prior to construction, the qualified biologist shall conduct baseline monitoring of each nest to characterize "normal" bird behavior and establish a buffer distance, which allows the birds to exhibit normal behavior. The qualified biologist shall monitor the nesting birds daily during construction activities and increase the buffer if birds show signs of unusual or distressed behavior (e.g. defensive flights and vocalizations, standing up from a brooding position, and/or flying away from the nest). If buffer establishment is not possible, the qualified biologist or construction foreman shall have the authority to cease all construction
work in the area until the young have fledged and the nest is no longer active. If pre-construction nesting bird surveys are necessary, based upon the requirements of this mitigation measure, then a survey report shall be prepared prior to commencement of construction activities.

Cultural Resources

CR-1 Due to the possibility that significant buried cultural resources might be found during construction, the following language will be included on all construction documents and on any permits issued for the project site, including, but not limited to, grading and building permits associated with future development of the project site:

“If archaeological resources or paleontological resources are unexpectedly discovered during construction, work shall be halted immediately within 50 meters (160 feet) of the find until it can be evaluated by a qualified professional archaeologist. If the find is determined to be significant, an appropriate resource recovery shall be formulated.”

CR-2 Due to the possibility that human remains may be discovered during construction activities, the following language shall be included in all construction documents and on any permits issued for the project site, including, but not limited to, grading and building permits:

“If human remains are found during construction, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains until the coroner is contacted to determine that no investigation of the cause of death is required.

If the coroner determines the remains to be Native American, then the coroner shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours. The Native American Heritage Commission shall identify the person or persons it believes to be the most likely descendent (MLD) from the deceased Native American. The MLD may then make recommendations to the landowner or the person responsible for the excavation work, for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and associated grave goods as provided in Public Resources Code Section 5097.98.

The landowner or authorized representative will rebury the Native American human remains and associated grave goods with appropriate dignity on the property in a location not subject to further disturbance if: a) the Native American Heritage Commission is unable to identify a MLD or the MLD failed to make a recommendation within 48 hours after being allowed access to the site; b) the descendent identified fails to make a recommendation; or c) the landowner or his authorized representative rejects the recommendation of the descendent, and the mediation by the Native American Heritage Commission fails to provide measures acceptable to the landowner.”

Geology and Soils

GEO-1 To address the potential impact of liquefaction to structures in the area of the former creek channel, the school district will comply with all recommendations made in the 2019 geotechnical report prepared by Moore Twining. This includes deep ground improvement or use of deep foundations to support the proposed visitor’s side bleachers.

GEO-2 To address the potential impact of expansive soils on the project site, the school district will comply with all recommendations made in the 2019 geotechnical report prepared by Moore Twining. This includes non-expansive engineered fill below slab-on-grade.

Hydrology and Water Quality

HYDRO-1 The school district will have a storm water pollution prevention plan prepared.

Noise

N-1 Noise generating construction operations will be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday.
If applicable, describe any of the project’s areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Division of the State Architect (Project Plans Approval)