

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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Public Review Period: November 13, 2020–January 12, 2021

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this is to notify public agencies and the general public that the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD or District), as the lead agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) (State Clearinghouse #2019079092), for the Monterey High School Stadium Improvements project (project or proposed project). The Draft EIR is available to review at <http://the.mpusd.net/MHS-Stadium-Project> or by appointment at the MPUSD Service Center at 540 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, Suite 1, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940. Call 831-392-3976 to schedule an appointment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Monterey High School (MHS) and the proposed project are located in the City of Monterey, California. The project includes the following improvements to the athletic facilities at MHS:

- ▶ **Lower field:** An existing dirt area adjacent to the Dan Albert Stadium that is occasionally used for overflow parking during events would be improved for use as a softball/multi-use field. The surface of the multi-use field would be synthetic turf. Additionally, a new approximately 1,920-square-foot weight room/team room building would be constructed. Improvements would also be made to a track and field event area.
- ▶ **Stadium Lights:** New field lighting would be installed at the Dan Albert Stadium; it would consist of four 70-foot-tall light standards. A public address system would also be installed.
- ▶ **Existing home bleachers and press box:** Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant seating spaces, guard/handrails, and other renovations would be made to the existing home bleachers at Dan Albert Stadium, in accordance with standards for restoration and protection of a historical resource. A press box would replace the existing temporary press box. A new public address system is proposed. The capacity of the home bleachers would not change.
- ▶ **Visitor bleachers:** New 300-seat visitor bleachers would be installed at the Dan Albert Stadium, opposite the existing seating area to provide separation between the home team and visiting team fans.

The proposed improvements would occur on the project site located on approximately 5.7 acres of the eastern portion of the 12.3-acre MHS campus. The project site contains two areas: the 3.5-acre Dan Albert Stadium and the adjacent 2.2-acre lower field (Figure 1).

IMPACTS

The Draft EIR identifies the following significant environmental effects: Aesthetics (new source of light or glare when in use), Archaeological, Historical, and Tribal Cultural Resources (change in significance of previously unknown historical or archaeological resource and potential to disturb undiscovered human remains during construction); Biological Resources (affect nesting birds during construction); Geology and Soils (directly or

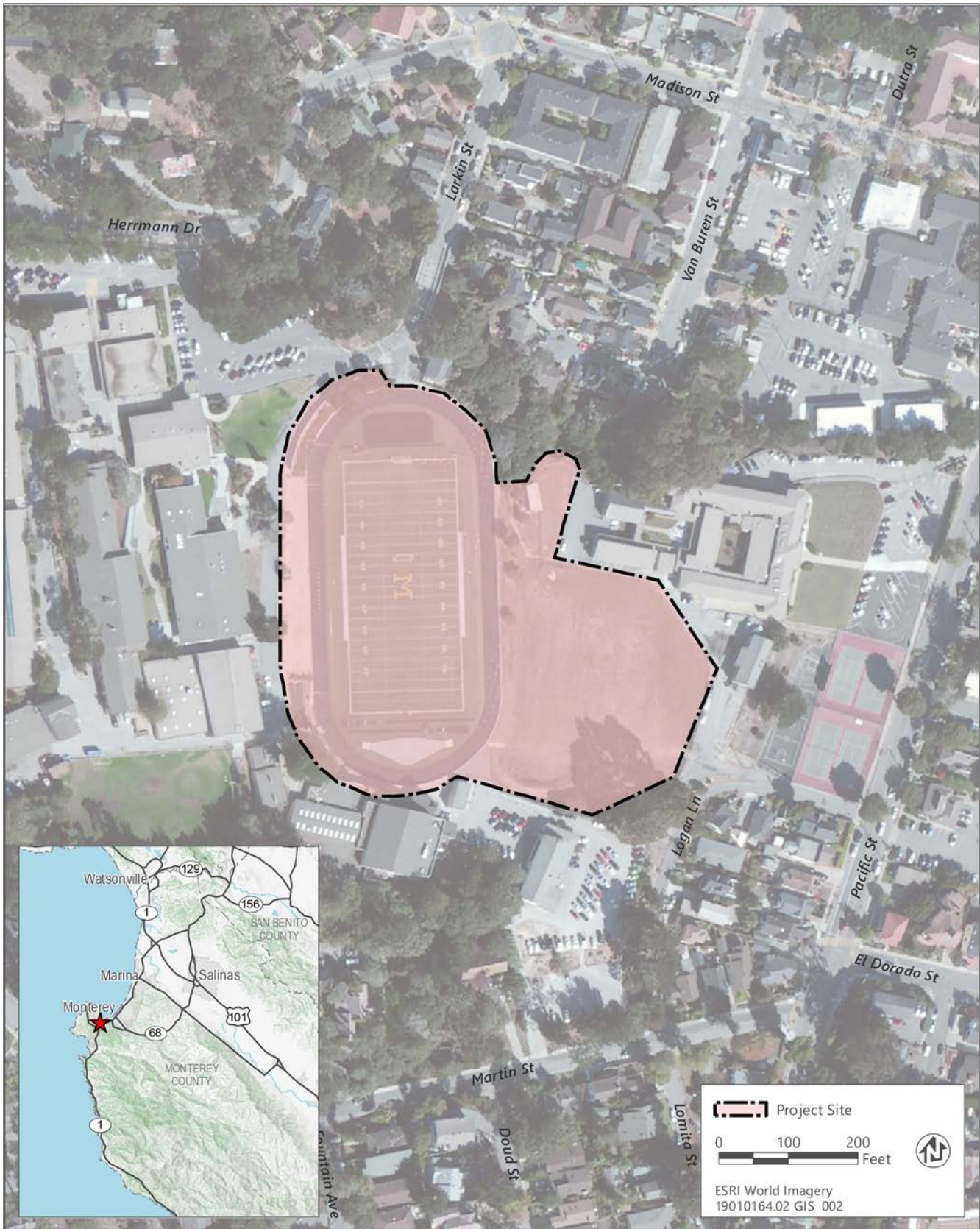
indirectly destroy an undiscovered unique paleontological resource during construction); Noise (generate noise during evening use of Dan Albert Stadium and daytime use of the Lower Field); and Transportation (increase hazards during construction). As discussed in Section 3.8, "Hazards and Hazardous Materials," of the Draft EIR, the project site is not located on a contaminated site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

DRAFT EIR PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

MPUSD is interested in input and/or comments from the general public and public agencies on the evaluation of environmental impacts that may result from adoption and implementation of the project. The review period for the Draft EIR begins on November 13, 2020 and ends on January 12, 2021. **Comments on the Draft EIR in response to this Notice of Availability must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.** Please send your written or electronic responses, with appropriate contact information, to the following address:

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MPUSD will hold a public Board meeting during the public review period to accept comments from the general public, organizations, and agencies. This Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District will be held on December 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., at 540 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, Suite 1, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940. An agenda for the meeting, with information about how to participate online or in person, will be posted in advance at: <https://montereypeninsula.agendaonline.net/public/>



Source: adapted by Ascent Environmental in 2020

Figure 1 Project Location