

La Cañada Unified School District

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
From: La Cañada Unified School District
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Palm Crest Elementary School Modernization Project

The La Cañada Unified School District ("District") is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project identified below. The District has prepared an Initial Study to determine the environmental effects of the proposed project and finds issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of CEQA environmental review.

AGENCIES: The District requests that your agency review the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15086(a).

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The District requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

Project Title: Palm Crest Elementary School Modernization Project.

Project Description: The La Cañada Unified School District proposes the following improvements to Palm Crest Elementary School: construction of one new two-story, approximately 23,184-square-foot classroom building (comprised of two wings); renovation of 18 existing classrooms; conversion of one classroom building to four specialty classrooms; demolition of the old District Office and garage; removal of trees for construction of a new upper parking lot; alteration/improvement to the existing drop-off area; alteration/improvement to the existing west parking lot; installation of temporary portable classrooms for use during project construction; and construction and extension of site utilities to new classroom buildings, improvement to landscaping areas, and pedestrian walkways.

Project Location: 5025 Palm Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011.

Significant Environmental Effects: The IS/MND concludes that no significant unavoidable environmental effects would occur as a result of the proposed project. Potentially significant impacts related to aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, transportation, and mandatory findings of significance would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Public Review Period/Responses and Comments: The District is making the IS/MND available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. The District will accept responses and comments for 34 days, from and including **July 1, 2020 to August 3, 2020**.

All comments must be submitted in written format; either in a letter or email format. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses or comments to:

La Cañada Unified School District
Attn: Mark Evans
Associate Superintendent, Business and Administrative Services
4490 Cornishon Avenue
La Cañada, CA 91011
E: mevans@lcsud.net

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: This IS/MND and associated materials are available for review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- La Cañada Unified School District, 4490 Cornishon Avenue, La Cañada, CA 91011

The document is available online on the District's website at:

https://www.lcsud.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1773500&type=d&pREC_ID=1952614