

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
**Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for**  
**Winters High School Soil Removal Project**

To: Public Agencies and Interested Citizens/Parties

From: Winters Joint Unified School District  
909 West Grant Avenue  
Winters, CA 95694

**Notice:** Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, notice is hereby given that the Winters Joint Unified School District, acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed project.

**Project Location and Description:** The proposed project site is the Winters High School campus located at 101 Grant Avenue, Winters, CA. The project evaluated in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is the Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) for contaminated soil removal, prepared by Padre Associates, Inc., on behalf of the District, for the Winters High School Modernization Project. The selected response action for identified chemicals of concern (COCs) (dieldrin and lead) in soil is the excavation and off-site disposal of impacted soil. Padre Associates, Inc. calculates that approximately 190 cubic yards (cy) of soil would require excavation and off-site disposal. The generation of dust during the soil removal operations would be minimized as necessary with the use of water as a dust suppressant.

The Recology (Hay Road Landfill), located at 6426 Hay Road in Vacaville, California, has been identified to accept, store, and/or treat non-hazardous soil generated from the removal activities. Approximately 16 trucks would be needed to transport the excavated soil to the landfill. It is not anticipated that soil from beneath existing buildings would need to be removed. The area where soil removal would take place is primarily occupied by landscaping and pathways adjacent to buildings.

Site cleanup and haul-away would be completed in 3 weeks. Week 1 would include excavation and stockpiling of soil, and collection of landfill characterization and confirmation soil samples. Week 2 would include analytical laboratory analyses of collected soil samples. Week 3 would include loading and transporting soil to the approved landfill. For excavation, this work would require the operation of one excavator, one loader, and one water truck. For the off-haul, one loader, one water truck, and most likely four trucks making two round trips per day for two consecutive days (for 16 truck loads) would be required.

**Potential Environmental Impacts:** The proposed MND did not find any potential environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

**Public Review Period:** The public review period for the MND commences on **January 7, 2021** and ends on **February 5, 2021 (5:00 PM)**. Please address all comments in writing to Diana Jiménez, by email to [djimenez@wintersjUSD.org](mailto:djimenez@wintersjUSD.org), or by mail to Diana Jiménez, Superintendent at Winters Joint Unified School District, 909 W. Grant Avenue, Winters, CA 95694. The District will only accept written comments during the comment period. If sending email, please add "Winters High School IS Comments" in the subject line.

**Location Where Documents Can Be Reviewed:** The MND and all documents referenced therein will be available for review at the District offices located at 909 W. Grant Avenue, Winters, from the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, by contacting Diana Jiménez's assistant at (530) 795-6100 ext. 8010. The MND is also available for review at <http://www.wintersjUSD.org> and at the Winters US Post Office located at 510 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694.

**Public Hearing:** The District will hold a public hearing to solicit public comments on the MND and the proposed project at the regular Winters Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting on February 18, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the District office located at 909 W. Grant Avenue, Winters, CA or through Zoom at <http://www.wintersjUSD.org>. COVID-19 social distancing protocol will be practiced during the meeting. Additional information about the proposed project, including project plans, is available on the District's website at the address listed above.