



Santa Ana Unified School District

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NOTICE OF INTENT to ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: June 1, 2021

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Santa Ana Unified School District

PROJECT TITLE: Saddleback High School Sports Complex

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Saddleback High School Sports Complex Project (proposed project), pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). Based on the Initial Study, SAUSD determined that the proposed project would not have significant adverse impacts on the environment with incorporation of mitigation measures to reduce any identified impacts to less than significant levels and an MND is appropriate CEQA compliance document. The SAUSD is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended. The IS/MND is available for a 30-day review period from June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is within the main campus of Saddleback High School at 2802 S. Flower Street, Santa Ana, Orange County (Assessor's Parcel Number 410-012-06).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project consists of demolition of some sports facilities and construction of a new sports complex with 3,000 bleacher seat capacity and nighttime sporting lighting. The project would require demolition of 9 basketball courts, 10 tennis courts, softball field, discus area, shot put throw area, and 3 large storage containers. The new construction would entail the following:

Bleachers and Press Box. Separate home and visiting team bleacher structures would provide a combined seating capacity for 3,000 spectators. The home side bleachers (grandstand) and press box would be on the west side of the field and have seating capacity for 2,000, and the 1,000-seat visitor side bleachers would be on the east side of the field.

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Lighting. Field lighting would consist of four 90-foot high poles installed at approximately the 10-yard line on the outside edge of the home and visitor bleachers. The field lights would be in operation for a maximum of four hours during any single evening.

Public Address (PA) System. Speakers would be mounted on the four light poles on both the home and visitor sides of the playing field. Each light pole would have two speakers mounted at approximately 30 to 53 feet above ground, for a total of eight speakers.

Concession Building. At the north end of the field a 4,295-square-foot, 19-foot, 4-inch-tall building would have a team room, public restrooms, ticket sales, concessions, concession storage, general storage, and utility rooms.

Fencing. An 8-foot-high chain-link fence would be installed around the sports complex with six gates.

Other facilities. The project also includes a discus cage and ring and a shot put throw ring along the outside the southwest corner of the sports complex.

The project site is not on the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, hazardous waste disposal sites and others.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS/MND is available for public review during the 30-day public review period from June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Copies of the IS/MND is available for review at:

- » On the SAUSD website under current projects: <https://www.sausd.us/Page/47196>
- » SAUSD, Facilities Planning Services offices at 1601 E. Chestnut Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (in-person review is by appointment only and must be scheduled by calling (714) 480-5349 and asking for Kathleen Gil).

WRITTEN COMMENTS: We ask that any person wishing to comment on the MND/IS provide written comments by the end of the public review period at 5:00 p.m., on June 30, 2021, addressed to Julie Molloy, Senior Facilities Planner by mail to the SAUSD, 1601 E. Chestnut Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92701 or email at Julie.Molloy@SAUSD.US. Please include "CEQA Saddleback High School Sports Complex" in the subject line

BOARD HEARING: The SAUSD Board will consider this item at a regular public hearing on August 24, 2021, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held telephonically. For instructions on how the public may view and participate in the public hearing, please visit the District's Current Board Meeting Agenda web page on the Friday before or Monday before the Board Meeting date of August 24, 2021. Current Board Meeting Agenda Weblink: <https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/sausd/Board.nsf/Public>

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