



NOTICE OF INTENT

TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

FOR JAMES WORKMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:

Lead Agency: Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD)
Project Name: James Workman Middle School (JWMS) Modernization Project
Project Description: PSUSD proposes modernizing JWMS, including replacing existing modular and portable classroom buildings with a new permanent one-story building, renovating and modernizing the interior of existing permanent buildings, improving the hardscape around school buildings and the bus and student loading zones, and constructing a new roadway segment immediately north of the campus. Construction of the Project would occur on the JWMS campus where existing buildings are located. The Project would provide JWMS with necessary interior improvements and renovations, while aesthetically improving the JWMS campus.
Project Location: The JWMS campus is located at 69300 30th Avenue in towards the center of the City, to the north. The campus is bound by 30th Avenue to the south, San Eljay Avenue to the west, and Santoro Drive to the east. The southern and eastern portion of the campus is bound by single-family residential homes.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and accompanying Initial Study (IS) was completed in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. On the basis of the Initial Study, the District Staff have concluded that the project, with the incorporation of mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The MND and IS reflect the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.

- D The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
t8] The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
D The proposed project site IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
t8] The proposed project site IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
D The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
t8] The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
D A scoping meeting WILL be held by the lead agency.
t8] A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the lead agency.

Copies of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are on file and are available for public review online at www.psusd.us and at the Lead Agency's office, located at 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264.

Lead Agency Address: 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264

The review period for this project starts on September 22'd, 2021 and ends on October 22'd, 2021. Comments will be received until October 22'd, 2021. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the District prior to this date. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

The Board of Education for PSUSD, as the Lead Agency, will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting to be scheduled later this year

The PSUSD, as Lead Agency, finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the Project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Date Received for Filing: _____

(County Clerk stamp here)

Handwritten signature of Julie Arthur
Julie Arthur
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Palm Springs Unified School District