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LEAD AGENCY: San Bernardino City Unified School District

PROJECT TITLE: Sports Facilities Lighting at Six High School

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Bernardino City Unified School District (SBCUSD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Sports Facilities Lighting at Six High Schools project (proposed project) in accordance with 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, SBCUSD 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 SBCUSD 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 **October 14, 2021** through **November 12, 2021**.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is within the following six high schools:

- Arroyo Valley High School (AVHS): 1881 W. Baseline Street, San Bernardino, CA 92411. The project site consists of the tennis courts, swimming pool, baseball fields, softball fields, and soccer fields on the AVHS campus.
- Cajon High School (CHS): 1200 W. Hill Drive, San Bernardino, CA 92407. The project site consists of the tennis courts, swimming pool, baseball fields, softball fields, and soccer fields on the CHS campus.
- Indian Springs High School (ISHS): 650 North Del Rosa Drive, San Bernardino, CA 92410. The project site consists of the tennis courts, baseball fields, softball fields, and soccer fields on the ISHS campus.
- Pacific High School (PHS): 1020 Pacific Street, San Bernardino, CA 92404. The project site consists of the tennis courts, swimming pool, baseball fields, softball fields, and soccer fields on the PHS campus.
- San Bernardino High School (SBHS): 1850 North E Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405. The project site consists of eight tennis courts, aquatic center (one swimming pool and one diving pool), baseball fields, softball fields, and soccer fields on the SBHS campus.
- San Geronio High School: 2299 Pacific Street, San Bernardino, CA 92404. The project site consists of the tennis courts (eight tennis courts to the north out of ten), aquatic center (one swimming pool and one diving pool), varsity baseball field, varsity softball field, and one practice field on the San Geronio HS campus.

FACILITIES PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The SBCUSD plans to add competitive sports lighting to its six comprehensive high schools— Arroyo Valley, Cajon, Indian Springs, Pacific, San Bernardino, and San Geronio High Schools. The proposed lighting improvements are prompted by the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 328, which requires high schools to start no earlier than 8:30 am. With the later start time, schools will also end later, which will affect sports activities unless the athletic fields and courts are lighted for evening use. The proposed sports lighting project would allow extended use of the listed athletic facilities into evening hours for the benefit of existing students. No additional sports programs would be added that could increase participants or spectators. Sports lighting would consist of concrete bases with galvanized steel poles between 50 and 90 feet tall, with LED luminaires mounted at various heights. The proposed project would require limited demolition of hardscape and softscape to install lighting poles at the existing sports facilities. No structural demolition would be required.

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 **October 14, 2021** to **November 12, 2021**. Copies of the IS/MND is available for review at:

- » **Online:** On the SBCUSD website under future projects: <https://sbcusdfacilities.com/publications/>
- » **District Office:** SBCUSD, Facilities Planning & Development office at 956 West 9th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92411. (in-person review is by appointment only and must be scheduled by calling (909) 388-6100 and asking for Linda Ponce).
- » **Library:** Norman F. Feldheym Public Library: 555 West 6th Street, San Bernardino

BOARD HEARING: The SBCUSD Board will consider this item at a regular public hearing on **December 14, 2021**, at 5:30 PM in the Board of Education Building at 777 North F Street, San Bernardino. The board hearing will also be streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SanBdoCitySchools>.

All attendees will be required to submit to a contactless temperature screening upon entering the building. Members of the public who attend the Board meeting must wear face coverings, regardless of their vaccination status. Members of the public may also remotely participate in the meeting to make oral public comments via Zoom. For instructions on how the public may participate in the public hearing, please visit the District's weblink: https://www.sbcusd.com/board/public_comments

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 November 12, 2021, addressed to Tom Pace, Director, Facilities Planning & Development by mail to the SBCUSD, 956 West 9th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92411. or email at tom.pace@sbcusd.k12.ca.us. Please include "CEQA Sports Facilities Lighting at Six High Schools" in the subject line.

If you require additional information, please contact Tom Pace at (909) 388-6100 or email tom.pace@sbcusd.k12.ca.us.