

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND SCOPING MEETING

REDLANDS EAST VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM PROJECT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties **DATE:** November 22, 2021

FROM: Redlands Unified School District (Lead Agency)

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations and Notice of Scoping Meeting

Redlands Unified School District (RUSD or District) intends to develop a stadium at Redlands East Valley High School (Redlands East Valley HS) over three phases. The proposed project would include a new track and synthetic grass football field (including scoreboard and competition-level field lighting), bleachers for 3,000 people, new visitor and home ticketing booth, concessions, custodial and restroom buildings, landscaping, and pedestrian and vehicle circulation access and entryway improvements. RUSD will serve as the Lead Agency for the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15051(c) in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Redlands East Valley High School Stadium Project as described below. RUSD is requesting identification of environmental issues and information that you or your organization believes should be considered in the EIR.

PROJECT TITLE: Redlands East Valley High School Stadium Project

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: November 24, 2021 – December 23, 2021

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please send your responses and comments to Operations & Facilities Planning Department via phone, mail, or e-mail as noted below. Please include the name, phone number, and email address of a contact person in all responses submitted.

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20 W. Lugonia Avenue
Redlands, CA 92374

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SCOPING MEETING: RUSD will host a Scoping Meeting for the project to receive comments on the scope and content of the proposed EIR. You are welcome to attend and present environmental information that you believe should be considered in the EIR. The meeting is scheduled for:

Date: December 9, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual (Zoom Meeting)

Please consider joining the scoping meeting on a computer so you can enable your microphone and video capabilities. You do not need to call in separately for audio if your computer or tablet already has microphone capabilities. If you will be joining by tablet or smart phone, make sure you download the Zoom app prior to the meeting.

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This scoping meeting will be recorded. By attending the scoping meeting, you are consenting to being photographed or video recorded.

Topic: Redlands East Valley High School Stadium Project Scoping Meeting

Time: Dec 9, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85743853391>

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AGENCIES: RUSD requests your agency's views on 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 15082(b). Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by RUSD when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

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

PROJECT LOCATION: Redlands East Valley HS is located at 31000 East Colton Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Map Numbers 0299-031-30) in unincorporated San Bernardino County, California. The Redlands East Valley High School Stadium project (proposed project) would be developed within the existing school campus. Specifically, the proposed project would disturb approximately 6.95 acres of the western side of the approximately 60.1-acre campus (project site). The proposed project would not impact other areas of the campus.

Regional access to the Redlands East Valley HS campus is provided by State Route (SR) 38 located 0.5 miles north of the project site and Interstate 10 located approximately 3 miles west and south. Redlands East Valley HS is bounded by East Colton Avenue to the north, Opal Avenue to the west, King Street to the east, and agricultural uses to the south.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed new football stadium and track and field facilities and associated improvements would replace the existing football field and track facilities. Plans include bleacher seating for 3,000 people, lighting, a home ticket booth and restroom/concession building, and visitor ticket booth and restroom/concession building. The proposed project would also include various improvements to landscaping, new chain-link fencing, access and circulation improvements, and emergency access improvements.

The new stadium would allow Redlands East Valley High School to hold home games and events at its own campus. The high school presently conducts its home games, track meets, and school events at various locations, including

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Beaumont High School, Yucaipa Community Park, Citrus Valley High School, and Redlands High School. The onsite stadium would eliminate the need to bus event participants, e.g., coaches, athletes, and band members, to home games. The proposed project would also serve as a source of school and community pride by providing the high school with a state-of-the-art facility, while at the same time increasing the quality of the high school's athletic curriculum.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: An EIR will be prepared to evaluate the project's potential impacts on the environment and analyze alternatives. The topics anticipated to be discussed in the EIR include aesthetics, air quality, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services, transportation, and Tribal cultural resources. The project's potential environmental effects are further described in the project's Initial Study, which is available for review as detailed below.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Initial Study is available for public review at the following locations (physical locations during normal business hours): Masks are not required at the District Office if vaccinated.

- Redlands Unified School District, 20 W. Lugonia Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374
- Redlands East Valley High School, 31000 E Colton Ave, Redlands, CA 92374
- Redlands Unified School District website: <https://www.redlandsusd.net/domain/5513>