



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date: June 20, 2022

TO: State Clearinghouse, State Responsible Agencies, State Trustee Agencies, Other Public Agencies, Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: Del Norte High School Baseball and Softball Fields Lighting Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2022020566)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Poway Unified School District (District) has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) for the Del Norte High School Baseball and Softball Fields Lighting Project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163 to address the potential environmental effects associated with installation of sports lighting at the existing varsity baseball and softball fields of Del Norte High School. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15050, the District is the lead agency for the project. The purpose of this notice is to (1) serve as a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a DSEIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 and (2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the DSEIR.

Notice of Availability: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, the DSEIR will be available for a 45-day public review from **Monday, June 20, 2022**, through **Wednesday, August 3, 2022**. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.4, responsible and trustee agencies must submit any comments in response to this notice no later than 45 days after receipt.

A copy of the DSEIR can be viewed electronically on the District's webpage at: <https://www.powayusd.com> and <https://www.powayusd.com/en-US/Departments/Business-Support/Planning/Contacts>

WRITTEN COMMENTS: We ask that any person wishing to comment on the DSEIR provide written comments by the end of the public review period at 5:00 pm, August 3, 2022, to:

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Rheia Alschbach, Assistant Director, Planning
(Please include "CEQA Del Norte High School" in the subject line)

or by U.S. mail to:

Poway Unified School District, 15250 Avenue of Science, San Diego, CA 92128
Attn: Rheia Alschbach, Assistant Director, Planning

BOARD MEETING: The District Board of Education will consider this item at a regular board meeting on **September 8, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as practicable, in the Community Room at the Poway Unified School District Office, located at 15250 Avenue of Science, San Diego, CA 92128.

PROJECT LOCATION: Del Norte High School (DNHS) is at 16601 Nighthawk Lane in San Diego, San Diego County, California (APNs 678-23-040 and 678-23-012). The existing varsity baseball and softball fields to be lighted are in the eastern part of the campus at the northwest corner of Camino San Bernardo and Deer Ridge Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The District proposes to add competitive sports lighting to the existing varsity baseball and softball fields (ballfields) at Del Norte High School. No additional sports programs would be added that could increase participants or spectators. As with the existing conditions, the newly lit athletic facilities would be available for use by community groups after school hours when the facilities are not in use by students, and during weekends as provided by the District's use policy under the Civic Center Act. 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, and no PA system would be installed. The lighting has been designed to meet the California Interscholastic Federation field lighting recommendations for competitive events. Sports lighting would consist of 14 concrete bases with galvanized steel poles between 60 and 90 feet tall, with LED luminaires mounted at various heights.

The District certified the Final EIR for Del Norte High School (State Clearinghouse No. 2006021013) (2006 EIR) on June 26, 2006, analyzing the potential impacts of construction and operation of Del Norte High School. And on May 14, 2020, Del Norte High School Classroom Expansion and Sports Fields Lighting Project EIR Addendum was approved (2020 Addendum). The 2006 EIR and the subsequent 2020 Addendum to the 2006 EIR are collectively referred to as "Certified EIR" in this SEIR. This Draft SEIR used the Certified EIR to analyze the environmental effects of the proposed project to the degree of specificity required by Section 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Draft SEIR contains only the information necessary to make the previous EIR adequate for the project as revised.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Based on the analysis in the DSEIR, the District determined that implementation of the proposed project would have a less than significant impact related to light and glare (aesthetics) with incorporation of a mitigation measure. All other environmental topics (i.e., agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire) were determined to have less than significant impacts without mitigation. No significant and unavoidable impacts were found.

If you require additional information, please contact Rheia Alschbach, Assistant Director, at ralschbach@powayusd.com or (858) 521-2800 (ext. 2447).