

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE HAWTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Per Public Resources Code and Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Centinela Valley Union High School District (District) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Hawthorne High School Athletic Fields Improvements Project (Project). The District has determined, based on the results of analyses, that the proposed Project's impacts after implementation of proposed mitigation measures would be less than significant and is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is made up of the athletic fields located on the grounds of the Hawthorne High School campus at 4859 West El Segundo Boulevard and the Hawthorne Aquatics Facility located at 12501 South Inglewood Avenue within the City of Hawthorne in southwest Los Angeles County. The athletic fields are located within the northern portion of the Campus is bounded by West 124th Street on the north, South Inglewood Avenue on the east, single family residential residences on the west, and an existing railroad right-of-way, and the existing remaining portions of the Campus to the south. The Hawthorne Aquatics Facility is bounded by the existing railroad right-of-way on the north, South Inglewood Avenue on the east, and the existing Hawthorne High School campus to the west and south. The Project site is not on any lists enumerated in Government Code section 65962.5, hazardous waste sites, hazardous waste lands, or hazardous waste disposal sites.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project would include the replacement of existing outdoor athletic facilities on the Campus with new and improved facilities as well as the redevelopment of the Hawthorne Aquatics Facility. The athletic fields improvements include a new combined football/soccer field, upgraded track, and upgraded bleachers on the western portion of the athletic fields; a reconfigured baseball field, new basketball courts, and a 5,400 square-foot (sf) team room/concessions building on the central portion of the Campus; and a new softball field and a multi-use (soccer and football) field in the eastern portion of the athletic fields. The team room/concessions building would include a 465-sf concessions stand, a 950-sf team room with 32 lockers, a 910-sf team room with 30 lockers, a 730-sf training room, 1,525-sf of restrooms, and electric and storage facilities. Improvements would be made to the parking area in the southwestern corner of the Project site, and would include designating one parking stall as an Americans with Disabilities Act accessible parking space. The proposed Project would also replace and add new field lighting. The new LED lighting would be contained in fixtures that are pointed downward and fully shielded. New synthetic turf would be installed on the softball/multi-use field, outdoor football field, and baseball field in place of the existing natural grass and a new synthetic track would surround the outdoor football field. A new digital scoreboard would be installed on the northern portion of the football/soccer field. Bleachers would be replaced on the west and east side of the football/soccer field and track and would be improved with aluminum decking. The proposed Project would also upgrade the storm drain system and existing utilities on the Project site. The Governing Board of the District is acquiring the City-owned Hawthorne Aquatics Facility. The Hawthorne Aquatics Facility would include upgrades to the pool, pool deck, public seating, and locker rooms. However, there are no current plans for the extent of the renovation or redevelopment of the Hawthorne Aquatics Facility, as of right now. The Project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The proposed Project's IS/MND will be circulated for a 30-day public review period, beginning on Monday, March 21 and ending on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

PUBLIC MEETING: CVUHSD will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the Board Room at the CVUHSD District Office located at 14901 South Inglewood Avenue, Hawthorne, Lawndale, California 90260.

Copies of the IS/MND and all reference documents are available for review at Centinela Valley Union High School District, 14901 South Inglewood Avenue Lawndale, CA 90260. The IS/MND and all reference documents can also be viewed on the Centinela Valley Union High School District website at: <https://www.centinela.k12.ca.us/>. To request a hardcopy, please contact Ron Hacker at 310- 263-3220.

All comments on the proposed Project and IS/MND must be submitted in writing no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 19, 2022 by mailing, emailing, or hand delivering comments to:

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Tardy comments will not be considered. After the close of the 30-day public review period, the District's School Board members will consider adoption of the MND and approval of the proposed Project. Information on the time and date of the Board meeting will be provided in the Board Agenda, which will be posted on the District's website prior to the meeting.