

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
For Aragon High School Baseball and Flex Fields Project
Public Review Period: 30 days**

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the San Mateo Union High School District, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project. The project applicant is the San Mateo Union High School District.

Description. The San Mateo Union High School District proposes to reconfigure the existing baseball field into a 99,500 sq. ft. artificial-turf baseball and flexfield. (See Figure 3 – Proposed Field Complex Upgrades.) The flexfield would be used for football and soccer practices. Accessory facilities and elements for the proposed field include batting cages, baseball diamond, partial football/soccer field striping, bullpens, dugouts, 30’ high backstop with 3’ high planking and padding, sideline and outfield fencing, 5-row bleachers on pavement (200-person capacity), sports lighting (lights on eight poles [6x70 feet high and 2x80 feet high]), benches, and ADA accessible walkways.

The artificial turf would be typical polypropylene turf with olive-pit fill. The turf would include four components: fiber, infill, backing and underlayment.

The proposed project would include infrastructure connections - power to existing switchgear, connections to the existing onsite water line, and connection to the existing onsite storm drain. The tentative construction schedule has a start date of May 2023 with completion anticipated by December 2023.

Potential Impacts. The proposed project has the potential to impact the following environmental factors: cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, noise and tribal cultural resources. With implementation of the mitigation measures identified in this document, potential significant impacts would be avoided, minimized, reduced, or rectified to a level that is less than significant. The project would not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to an existing cumulative impact related to similar projects within the region.

Environmental Review. The San Mateo Union High School District, together with its consultants, has prepared an Initial Study and proposed draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The document is available for review at the following locations:

San Mateo Union High School District
650 North Delaware Street
San Mateo, CA 94401 (650) 558-2204

The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be accessed from the District’s website <https://www.smuhsd.org/>. Persons interested in reviewing or receiving the documents may also contact Kristi Janowski at: (707) 933-0624

Comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received *in writing* by the end of the review period, which is October 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Submit comments to:
Yancy Hawkins, Chief Business Official
San Mateo Union High School District
650 North Delaware Street
San Mateo, CA 94401