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PROJECT TITLE
 Terrace Hills Middle School Administration/Classroom Addition and Campus Fire Alarm Upgrade Project

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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
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Project Title

22579 De Berry Street
Project Location - Specific

Grand Terrace
Project Location - City

San Bernardino
Project Location - County

Colton Joint Unified School District proposes to modernize Terrace Hills Middle School (Project). The Project involves the relocation of five portable classroom buildings and two shade structures, conversion of an existing administrative office building into three classrooms and support facilities, and construction of a new administration building and a new classroom building. Campuswide improvements would be made to the existing utility and fire alarm systems. A new entry plaza would be constructed and would include tiered seating and new ornamental trees and landscape. The Project would be compliant with the American with Disabilities Act and would improve safety and supervision on the campus, outdoor socialization spaces, and utility and fire alarm monitoring systems, as well as reduce the reliance of portable classroom structures.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Colton Joint Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Colton Joint Unified School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial
 Declared Emergency
 Emergency Project
 Categorical Exemption: §§ 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools)
 Statutory Exemptions.

The Project does not meet the exceptions listed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Reasons why project is exempt

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption findings
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Owen Chang Date: 1/20/23 Title: FACILITIES DIRECTOR

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION EVALUATION REPORT

Terrace Hills Middle School Administration/Classroom Addition and Campus Fire Alarm Upgrade Project

January 2023

This Categorical Exemption Evaluation Report (CE Evaluation) documents the eligibility of Colton Joint Unified School District's (District) proposed modernization of Terrace Hills Middle School (Project) from expanded environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), under California Public Resources Code Section 21084 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14 (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15061(b)(2) and 15300 et seq.

Location

The Project is proposed at Terrace Hills Middle School at 22579 De Berry Street, in the City of Grand Terrace, San Bernardino County (Project site). The school is southeast of the intersection of De Berry Street at Mt. Vernon Avenue. Regional access is via Interstate-215 (Riverside Freeway), approximately 0.6 mile to the north and west of the school. The Project would mainly affect the western half of the Terrace Hills MS campus. Figure 1, *Local Vicinity* shows the project site and surrounding uses.

Existing Setting

Land Use and Zoning

The Project site encompasses Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 117808103.¹ According to the City of Grand Terrace General Plan, the Project site has a Public land use designation and is zoned Public Facilities (PUB).^{2, 3} The PUB zoning district allows facilities for public service uses, including government offices and services, public parks and recreational facilities, and public school facilities.⁴

Surrounding Land Uses

The Project site is surrounded by residential uses west of Mt. Vernon Avenue, north of De Berry Street, and adjacent to the south. Two churches are west of Mt. Vernon Avenue. Richard Rollins Community Park is adjacent to the east of Terrace Hills MS.

Existing Uses

The Terrace Hills MS campus encompasses approximately 18 acres⁵ and is at an elevation between 1,060 and 1,080 feet above mean sea level.⁶ The school was originally built in 1959 and has been improved over the years with permanent and portable structures, underground and overhead utilities, landscaping, and parking improvements. The campus is uneven with small knolls. Mature ornamental trees grow throughout the campus.

¹ County of San Bernardino. Public San Bernardino County Parcel Viewer. Accessed September 2022. <https://sbcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=87e70bb9b6994559ba7512792588d57a>.

² City of Grand Terrace. City of Grand Terrace General Plan. Adopted April 27, 2010.

³ City of Grand Terrace. City of Grand Terrace Zoning Map. September 1, 2017.

⁴ City of Grand Terrace. 2021. Grand Terrace, California – Municipal Code, Title 18 – ZONING, Chapter 18.43 – PUB PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT. Accessed September 2022.

https://library.municode.com/ca/grand_terrace/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT18ZO_CH18.43PUPUFADI.

⁵ DLR | BakerNowicki. 2022. Terrace Hills Middle School Addition. April 2022.

⁶ United States Geological Survey (USGS). 2021. San Bernardino South Quadrangle, California, 7.5-Minute Series. Accessed October 2022. https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/ht-bin/tv_browse.pl?id=7dfccf97f1e7ac45a9407d901397c7f7.

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Off-street parking and onsite passenger car and school bus loading areas are in the northwest quadrant of the school and along the northern perimeter of the campus. Small grass playfields are in the southwest and northeast corners. School buildings, a courtyard, and lunch shelters are in the middle of the campus. Pathways traverse the central portion of the campus and provide access to the school facilities. Blacktop uses, including basketball courts, are in the southcentral and southeast portions of the campus. Locker rooms are in the southeast portion, and the school library is in the southwest portion. Portable structures are located throughout the campus. Figure 2, *Existing Site Map*, shows the location and identifies the current uses of existing classroom facilities at Terrace Hills MS. Figure 3, *Site Photographs*, shows the conditions of areas proposed for development at Terrace Hills MS.

Terrace Hills MS operates a traditional program for seventh and eighth grade students and has 43 permanent and portable “Rooms” on the campus. Some of the Rooms are underutilized; they are vacant or are used for supplemental administrative and support purposes, including nurse/health office, Resource Specialist Programs, staff lounges, and counseling. As shown in Figure 2, of the 43 rooms, 32 (permanent and portable) rooms are used for instruction, i.e., Math, English, Science, Social Science, and Electives. Student enrollment at Terrace Hills MS over the last ten years, peaked in 2015-16 with an enrollment of 1,022 students, and the lowest enrollment occurred last year (2021-22) with 872 students.

Year	No. Students
2021-22	872
2020-21	884
2019-20	986
2018-19	994
2017-18	985
2016-17	1,010
2015-16	1,022
2014-15	777
2013-14	980
2012-13	938
2011-12	913

Source: California Department of Education.
DataQuest. Accessed December 2022.
<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Project Description

The District completed a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for Terrace Hills MS in April 2022 and now proposes implementation of the first phase of the FMP. Implementation of the other FMP improvements will be reassessed when additional funding is available, and a separate environmental review will be conducted for those improvements at the later time.

Project Objectives

The objectives for the proposed Project include:

- Improve campus safety and supervision.
- Improve outdoor socialization spaces.
- Reduce reliance of portable classroom facilities.
- Improve utility and fire alarm systems.

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Project Characteristics

The Project proposes the construction of two new buildings, conversion of the existing administration building to classroom use, and creation of a new outdoor courtyard at Terrace Hills MS. Figure 4, *Conceptual Site Plan*, and Figure 5, *Project Rendering*, illustrate the proposed Project.

New Construction. The Project involves the construction of two new buildings, a new entry plaza, and related site work. The buildings would be compliant with the California Building Code and California Green Building Code (CALGreen) for public school construction, as well as the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The buildings would be connected to utility systems that serve the campus, including but not limited to water, sewer, electrical, communication, and fire alarm. Ornamental vegetation, including Chinese Elm "True Green," New Gold Lantana, Lomandra "PomPom," Pine Mulhly, Dwarf Yeddo Rhipilepis, and Cimmaron Sage, would be planted around the buildings.

- **Building I.** A new 5,300-square-foot, single-story administration building (Building I) is proposed in the west-central portion of the campus. The new building would include offices, a nurse/health office, IT support room, staff workroom, storage, staff lounge, and restroom facilities for staff, visitors, and students. The building would be oriented east to west. An overhang is proposed in the eastern portion of the building. Construction of Building I would require the relocation of five portable classroom structures (Classrooms A4 through A8, as shown on Figure 2) within the proposed building's footprint to the southern blacktop, south of Building F.
- **Building F.** A new 3,000 square-foot, single-story classroom building (Building F) would be constructed south of the existing administration building (Building A) within the general footprint of portable Classrooms G1 through G4 (Figure 2). The new building would be rectangular, oriented east to west, and include two classrooms, a storage room, and student restroom facilities. Classrooms G1 through G4 would be demolished.
- **Entry Plaza.** An entry plaza would be constructed east of the proposed Building I. It would include new paving, tiered seating, and ornamental trees, shrubs, and turf. When additional funding becomes available, the two lunch shelters, located east of the northwest parking lot, would be relocated south of Building I and the new entry plaza would be expanded towards Buildings F and A to create a paved courtyard with more seating and vegetation. Development of the courtyard would require importing 1,500 cubic yards of soil to create an ADA-compliant grade.

Modernization. The Project proposes other upgrades and renovations to existing facilities on the campus.

- **Building A.** The existing administration building (Building A) includes office spaces and a classroom. Building A would be renovated into three classrooms, a staff workroom, lounge, and restroom. Paneling would be added to the exterior of the building to give it a modern appearance.
- **Utility Upgrades.** The existing electrical, fire alarm monitoring, and plumbing systems would be upgraded, as needed throughout the campus. New north-south sewer and storm drain mainlines would be installed under the eastern passenger loading curb in the northwest parking lot. The new sewer line may need to connect to an existing sewer lateral that ties to a main sewer line under West Vermont Avenue.
- **Fire Access.** A new north-south, fire lane with access from the northwest parking lot would be created through the proposed courtyard. Another new fire access lane may be constructed from an existing fire lane along the southern perimeter of the campus to provide additional fire access to the new Building F and relocated portable classrooms

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Operation

Post-construction, Terrace Hills MS would continue to offer the same middle school program as it does now and would maintain its current operations schedule. Table 2, *Classroom Count*, summarizes the proposed change in the number of classrooms at Terrace Hills MS. As shown, the Project would not change the overall number of instructional rooms. The Project would maintain the school's operation of 32 instructional rooms.

Table 2 Classroom Count			
Building Area	Existing Uses	Proposed Uses	Net No. Classroom
Building I	5 portable classrooms within the footprint of Building I to be relocated to the southern blacktop	Administrative Offices	0
Building F	4 portable classrooms within the footprint of Building F proposed to be demolished	2 classrooms	- 2
Building A	Administrative offices and 1 classroom proposed to be repurposed	3 classrooms	+ 2

Construction

The Project would be implemented in three general phases, as follows:

Phase 1: Sewer and Storm Drain Mainlines. Phase 1 involves the installation of the new sewer and storm mains in the northwest parking lot, site preparation for the new buildings and courtyard, and the relocation of five portable classroom buildings to the blacktop.. Phase 1 would commence the second quarter of 2023, and last 2-3 months.

Phase 2: New Construction. Phase 2 involves the demolition of 4 portable classroom buildings, construction of Buildings I and F and the courtyard and would commence in the summer 2023 and last 18 months. The improvements would be completed in 2024.

Phase 3: Modernization. Phase 3, the modernization of Building A, would start the first quarter of 2025 and last six months.

School operations at Terrace Hills MS would continue as usual under all three construction phases. The northwest parking lot would continue to be available for employee parking and student loading activities. During construction of the new buildings, students would access the secured campus, via an existing gated entrance from the visitor parking lot along De Berry Street. Construction staging would occur in the southwest playfield of the campus, close to the new buildings; equipment and vehicles would access the site from Mt. Vernon Avenue via either the fire lane access road in the southwest corner or the northwest parking lot when school is not in session. Construction deliveries would occur before and after school hours. The construction areas would be fenced off from trespassers and students.

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4. Applicability of Categorical Exemption

The CEQA Guidelines includes classes of projects that have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment and that can be categorically exempt from extended environmental review. As discussed below, the Project qualifies under classes 1, 3, 4, and 14.

Class 1, Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use... The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use. (CEQA Guidelines § 15301)

- The Project would convert Building A with the existing administration offices and one classroom into three classrooms, a workroom, a staff lounge, and a staff restroom. Interior renovations would be made to the building. Accent wall paneling would be added to its exterior walls. The new exterior panels would not affect the structural integrity of the building. As further discussed below under Class 14, the whole of the project would not expand operations of the existing school.
- Two existing lunch shelters would be relocated to the south of the new administration building. This project component would not affect campus operations.
- Upgrades would be made to the existing electrical, fire alarm, and plumbing systems across the campus. This project component would not affect campus operations.

Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Class 3 consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. (CEQA Guidelines § 15303)

- The Project would add two new buildings to the Terrace Hills MS campus: a 5,300-square-foot, single-story building would be constructed to serve the school's administrative operations, and 3,000 square-foot, single-story building with two classrooms, restroom facilities, and a storage room. The Project would not exceed the maximum allowed structures under the City of Grand Terrace's PUB zoning district or exceed the limit of 10,000 square feet of floor area (for commercial uses) under CEQA Guidelines § 15303.
- Five existing portable structures would be relocated to the southern portion of campus and another four would be demolished and removed offsite. A few of these structures are currently vacant and/or used as support facilities (not for classroom instruction). The relocated structures would be used for instructional classroom space. As discussed below under Class 14, the whole of the Project would not increase school operations.

Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land

Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. (CEQA Guidelines § 15304)

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- The proposed improvements would disturb soils and the removal of existing vegetation. All areas disturbed by the Project would be restored with new pavement, building, and landscaping to minimize erosion and for continued school operations. The trees that would be removed as a part of the Project are not considered "scenic," as neither the District nor City has officially listed them as scenic or historic resources.

Class 14, Minor Additions to School

Class 14, Minor Additions to School, consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The addition of portable classrooms is included in this exemption. (CEQA Guidelines § 15314)

- As documented in Table 2, the Project would not change the number of classrooms at Terrace Hills MS. Therefore, the school enrollment capacity would remain the same as existing.

5. Exceptions to Categorical Exemptions

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, Exceptions, lists conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. The below addresses whether these conditions apply.

a. Location

Section 15300.2(a) of the CEQA Guidelines states that classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of whether a project is located in a uniquely sensitive environment of hazardous or critical concern that has been designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to federal, state, or local laws, where the project that would ordinarily be insignificant may in the particularly sensitive environment be significant. According to the City of Grand Terrace General Plan, the Project site is not within areas of unique sensitive environments of hazardous or critical concern—including biological, geological, wildfire hazards, flooding, and noise—mapped and/or designated by federal, state, or local agencies.⁷ Additionally, as further discussed below in Section 5(e), Terrace Hills MS is not listed on a government database for potential hazardous concerns. This exception does not apply to the Project.

b. Cumulative Impact

Exemptions are inapplicable when there is a significant cumulative impact of "successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time (§ 15300.2(b))." The District prepared a FMP for Terrace Hills MS in April 2022.⁸ The Project is identified in the FMP and is considered the first phase of the FMP improvements proposed for implementation. When additional funding is available, the District will reassess the need for the other FMP improvements and conduct environmental review at that time. The other FMP improvements include converting the existing locker rooms into a visual and performing arts facility, phased construction of new classrooms and locker rooms to further reduce the reliance on portable classrooms, construction of a new staff parking lot and special education bus loading zone on the eastern side of the campus, and renovation of the library. It is unknown when additional funding would be available for implementation of the other FMP improvements and speculative to assume the District would implement one or all of the FMP improvements in a later phase(s) or if the FMP would be updated to identify facility needs at that later time. As implementation of the other FMP improvements would not coincide with the Project, the environmental impacts caused by the Project would not combine with those of future projects at Terrace Hills MS. Therefore, the Project and the future projects identified in the FMP would not result in cumulatively considerable environmental effects. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the Project.

⁷ Grand Terrace. City of Grand Terrace General Plan. Adopted April 27, 2010. Resolution No. 2010-10. Accessed November 2022. https://cdn5-hosted.civiclive.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_12337255/File/Departments/Planning%20&%20Development/city_of_gt_general_plan.pdf

⁸ DLR | Bakernowicki. 2022. Terrace Hills Middle School Addition. April 2022.

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c. Significant Effects

A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The determination whether this exception applies involves two distinct questions: (1) whether the project presents unusual circumstances, and (2) whether there is a reasonable possibility that a significant environmental impact will result from the unusual circumstances. The lead agency considers the second prong of this test only if it finds that some circumstance of the project is unusual. *Berkeley Hillside Preservation v City of Berkeley* (2015) 60 C4th 1086, 1104.

The Project presents no unusual circumstances or special environmental constraints that might lead to a significant impact. The Project site has operated as a school since 1959. As stated in Project Objectives, the purpose of the Project is to improve campus safety and supervision, outdoor gathering spaces, and utility and campus fire systems, as well as reduce the school's reliance on portable facilities. The Project would improve the functionality of the school and improve accessibility and would comply with all applicable California laws and regulations. Construction methods would be typical for school facilities and would comply with the current California Building Standards Code and CALGreen. The Project would comply with applicable water quality and air emissions rules and standards and best management practices (BMPs), including conducting construction activities during daytime hours.

Planning and Design. Terrace Hills MS is surrounded by compatible land uses (i.e., residential, church, and park uses), and there are no easements on the campus that would prevent Project implementation.⁹ The Project would require the removal of trees. The trees are ornamental and not protected species. No active nests were observed during a site visit in June 2022. Nevertheless, to avoid direct and indirect impacts to potential active bird nests and/or nesting birds and in compliance with the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and California Fish and Game Code (CFGC), the District will conduct preconstruction clearance surveys as a BMP, prior to ground disturbance and vegetation removal activities:

MBTA / CFGC Preconstruction Clearance Surveys – In compliance with the MBTA and CFGC, if project-related activities are initiated during bird nesting season (January 1 to August 31), the District and/or its construction contractor will retain a qualified biologist to conduct a pre-construction nesting bird clearance survey no more than three days prior to the start of any vegetation removal or ground disturbing activities. The qualified biologist will survey all suitable nesting habitat within the project impact area. If no active bird nests are detected during the clearance survey, project activities may begin, and no additional avoidance and minimization measures will be required. If an active bird nest is found, the species must be identified, and a “no-disturbance” buffer must be established around the active nest. The size of the “no-disturbance” buffer will be increased or decreased based on the judgement of the qualified biologist and level of activity and sensitivity of the

Construction. Project construction could release pollution into the air and waterways. To limit air quality impacts, the Project would be subject to rules and regulations enforced by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), including the following:

Rule 402 (Nuisance) – This rule prohibits the discharge from any source whatsoever such quantities of air contaminants or other material which cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons or to the public, or which endanger the comfort, repose, health, or safety of any such persons or the public, or which cause, or have a natural tendency to cause, injury or damage to business or property. This rule does not apply to odors emanating from agricultural operations necessary for the growing of crops or the raising of fowl or animals.

⁹ County of San Bernardino. Public San Bernardino County Parcel Viewer. Accessed September 2022. <https://sbcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=87e70bb9b6994559ba7512792588d57a>

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Rule 403 (Fugitive Dust) – This rule requires fugitive dust sources to implement best available control measures for all sources, and all forms of visible PM are prohibited from crossing any property line. This rule is intended to reduce PM10 emissions from any transportation, handling, construction, or storage activity that has the potential to generate fugitive dust. PM10 suppression techniques are summarized below.

- Portions of a construction site to remain inactive longer than a period of three months will be seeded and watered until grass cover is grown or otherwise stabilized.
- All onsite roads will be paved as soon as feasible or watered periodically or chemically stabilized.
- All material transported offsite will be either sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amounts of dust.
- The area disturbed by clearing, grading, earthmoving, or excavation operations will be minimized at all times.
- Where vehicles leave a construction site and enter adjacent public streets, the streets will be swept daily or washed down at the end of the workday to remove soil tracked onto the paved surface.

Rule 1113 (Architectural Coatings) – This rule requires manufacturers, distributors, and end users of architectural and industrial maintenance coatings to reduce reactive organic gases (ROG) emissions from the use of these coatings, primarily by placing limits on the ROG content of various coating categories.

As the construction area would be greater than an acre, the Project would be required to comply with State Water Resources Control Board’s General Construction Permit (Order No. 20009-009-DWQ). This permit requires the District and/or its construction contractor to prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which would identify BMPs to be implemented during all construction activities to control and reduce pollutants from discharging into waterways. The BMPs would address erosion control, perimeter control, wind erosion control, storm drain inlet protection, tracking control, and general site management. Adherence to the SWPPP would reduce water quality impacts to acceptable standards.

Operation. As the Project would not increase school enrollment, Terrace Hills MS would continue to operate as it currently does, but with enhanced facilities and fire access. The Project would have an overall beneficial effect on school facilities and operations at Terrace Hills MS.

As documented, no unusual circumstances are anticipated to occur from Project implementation. CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2(c) does not apply to the Project.

d. Scenic Highways

A categorical exemption cannot be used for a project that may damage scenic resources—including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources—within an officially designated state scenic highway. The closest officially designated scenic highway is a segment of State Route (SR) 18, approximately 7.4 miles northeast of the Project site, near the South Fork Family Campground in the San Bernardino Mountains, approximately 40 miles northeast of the Project site.¹⁰ Due to the distance, Project implementation would not have the ability to devalue the highway. This exception does not apply to the Project.

¹⁰ ArcGIS, 2017. California Scenic Highways. Accessed September 2022.
<https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=f0259b1ad0fe4093a5604c9b838a486a>.

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e. Hazardous Waste Sites

Subsection 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines states that a categorical exemption shall not be used for a project on a site that is on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, which requires the Secretary of the Cal EPA to compile lists of hazardous materials sites and waste facilities, also known as the Cortese list¹¹ from the Department of Toxic Substances Control,¹² Department of Health Services, State Water Resources Control Board,¹³ and California Integrated Waste Management Board. A computer search of environmental information of these databases determined that the Project site is not on hazardous materials/waste site lists compiled by Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the proposed project.

f. Historic Resources

A categorical exemption cannot be used for a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, as specified in Public Resources Code Section 21084.1, which defines a resource as one listed in or determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources and local register of historical resources. According to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), sufficient time—usually 50 years—must have passed to obtain a scholarly perspective on the events or individuals associated with a historical resource. As Terrace Hills MS was built in 1959, it is possible the property have been designated for historic significance. A records search was conducted on September 26, 2022, for the Project site and a surrounding ½-mile radius via the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) maintained by the OHP at the California State University, Fullerton (see Attachment A). No archaeological or historical resources were identified within the Project site or adjacent to the site. Terrace Hills MS is not identified in a qualified historic resources survey and is not listed on national, state, or local historical registers.¹⁴

Project implementation would not require the removal or demolition of permanent buildings, and the proposed modifications of the portable classroom buildings—either their removal offsite or relocation elsewhere on the campus—would not substantively affect the historical significance of the property. The proposed renovations to Building A would include the installation of a new exterior overhang on the western portion of the building and the addition of exterior wall panels. The proposed modifications to Building A would not affect the structural integrity of the building, and the existing features would remain intact. As the property is not listed on a state or local historical register and the Project would not make substantial changes to a historical resource, this exception does not apply to the project.

6. Conclusion

As documented herein, the proposed Project meets the requirements of Categorical Exemption Class 1, *Existing Facilities*, Class 3, *New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures*, Class 4, *Minor Alterations to Land*, and Class 14, *Minor Additions to Schools*, and none of the conditions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, *Exceptions*, applies. Accordingly, the Project is exempt from extended environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA.

¹¹ CalEPA. Cortese List Data Resources. Accessed September 2022. [Cortese List Data Resources | CalEPA](#)

¹² DTSC. EnviroStor. 2022. Accessed September 2022. <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>.

¹³ SWRCB. GeoTracker. 2022. Accessed September 2022. <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>.

¹⁴ City of Grand Terrace Planning Division on September 14, 2022, and County of San Bernardino Land Uses Services Department on September 16, 2022 indicated that their respective agencies do not contain a local historic register for properties in the City of Grand Terrace.

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Legend
 [White Rectangle] Terrace Hills Middle School

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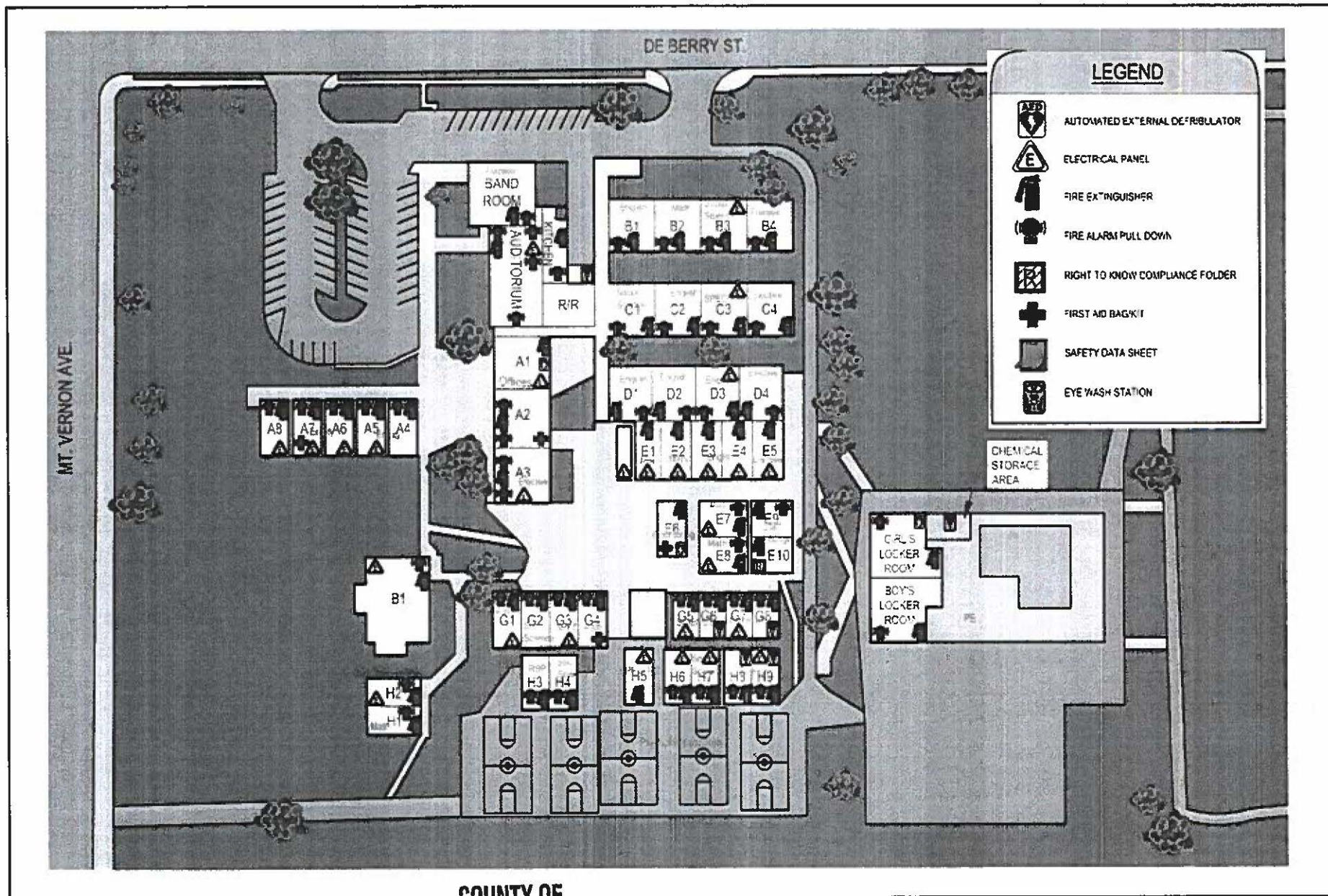


Source: ESRI, Colton Joint Unified School District

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Figure 1



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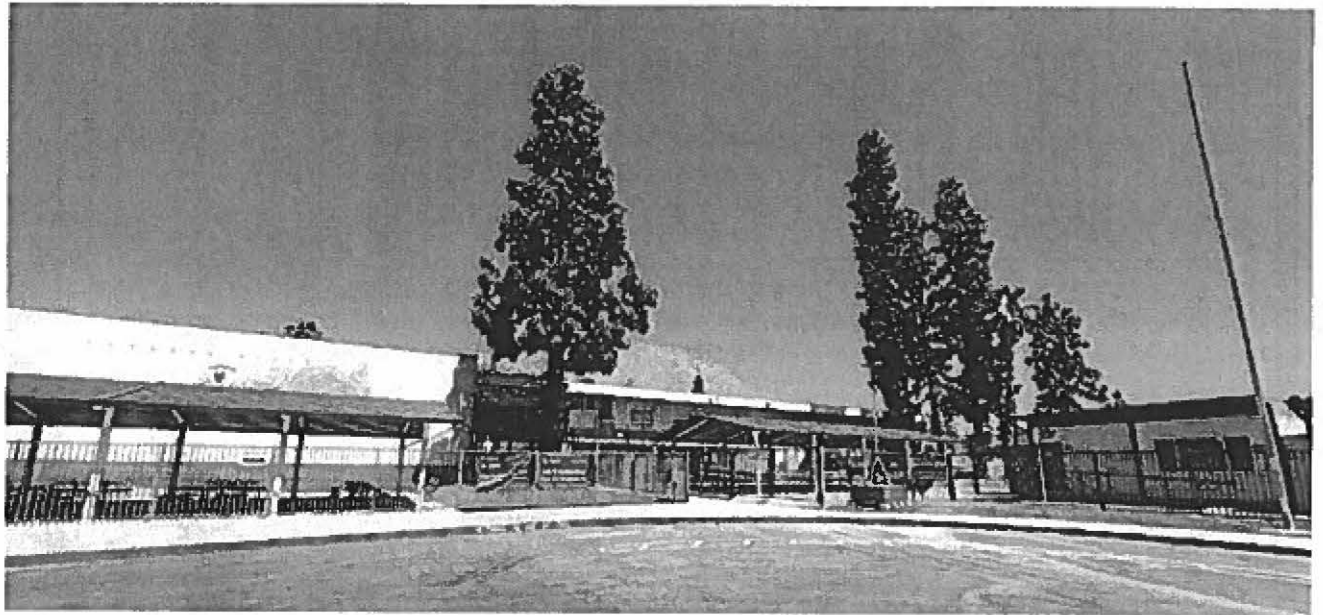
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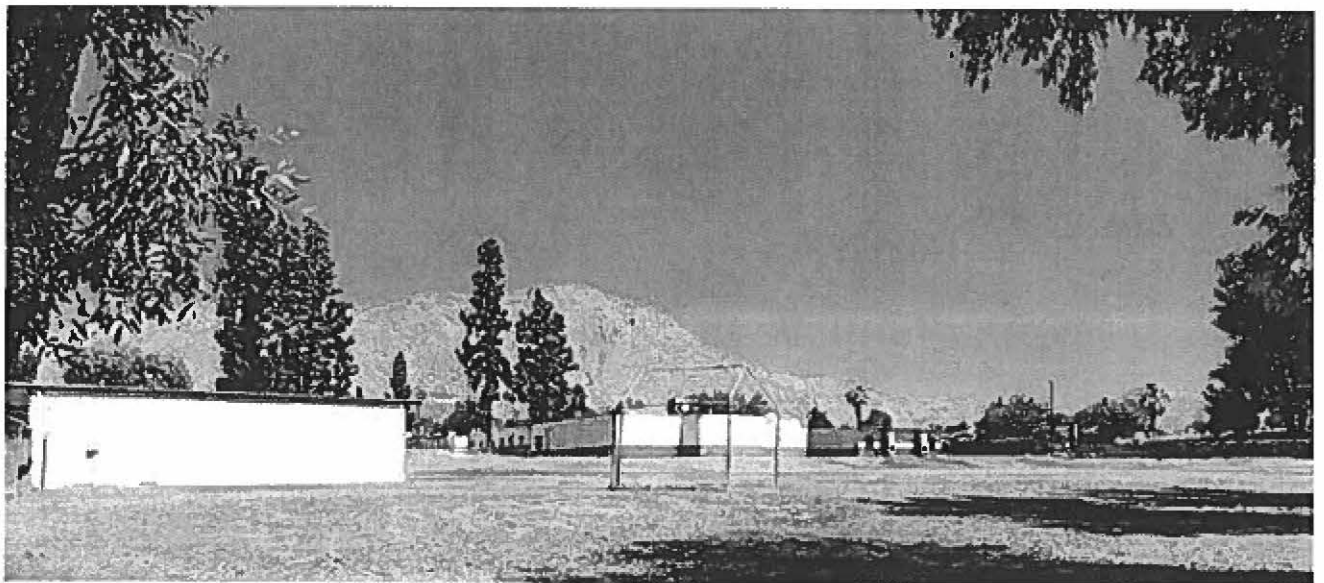
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Figure 2



View of the entrance of Terrace Hills Middle School from the northwest parking lot. Note the lunch shelters proposed for relocation, Building A is behind the trees, and the portable classroom on the right would be relocated to the basketball courts.



View of the western portion of Terrace Hills Middle School. Note the portable structure on the left side of the photo that would be relocated to make room for the new administration building, i.e., Building A.

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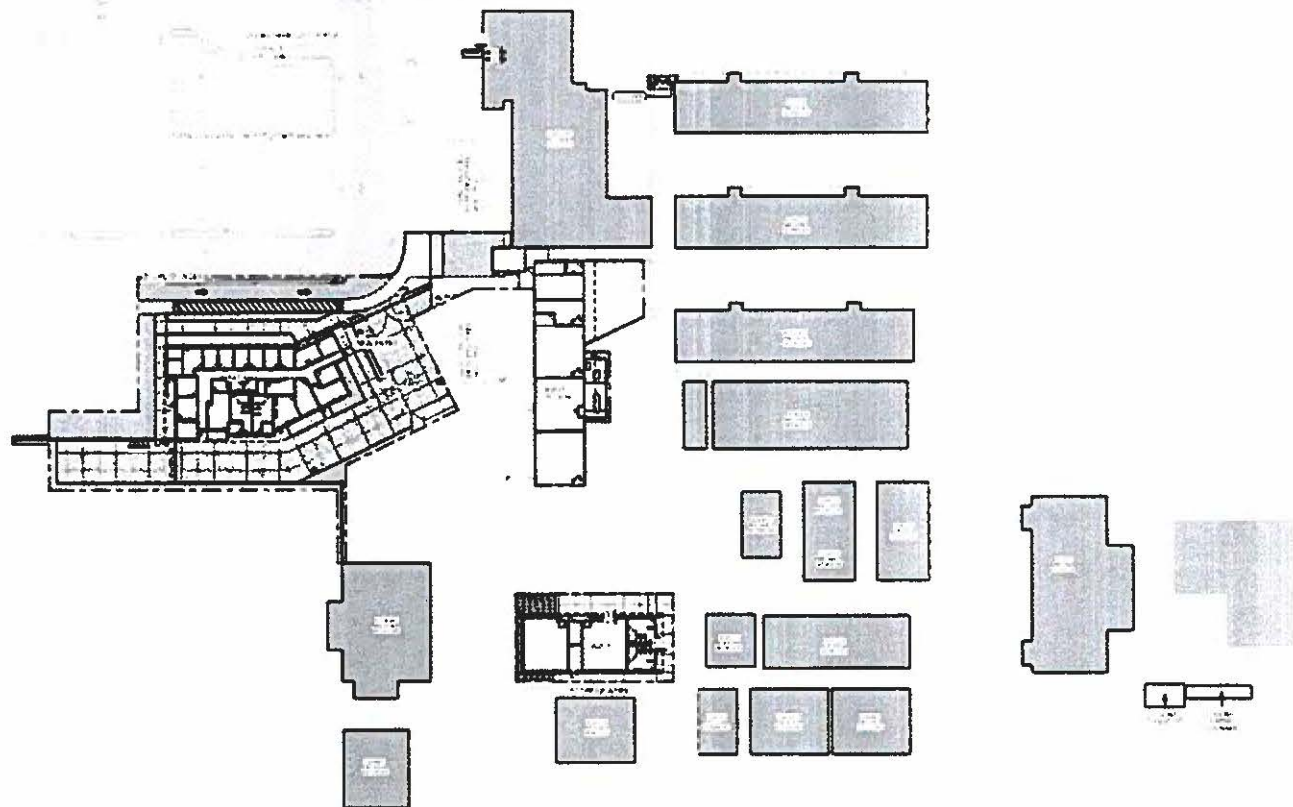
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Site Photographs

Figure 3

COLTON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
**TERRACE HILLS MIDDLE
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 FOR PLAN REVIEW ONLY



SITE PLAN

- NEW BUILDING (2022)
- PARKING (TYPE 2, NATURAL GAS, TORCHPILE & ASPHALT PAVED) (2022)
- REFERENCE (2022)
- LANDSCAPE (2022)
- LANDSCAPE, PLAYING - REFERENCE LANDSCAPE
- DEMOLITION
- CONTINGENT PER 6.5.1.1
- EXPANSION PER 6.5.1.1
- SCOPED PER 6.5.1.1

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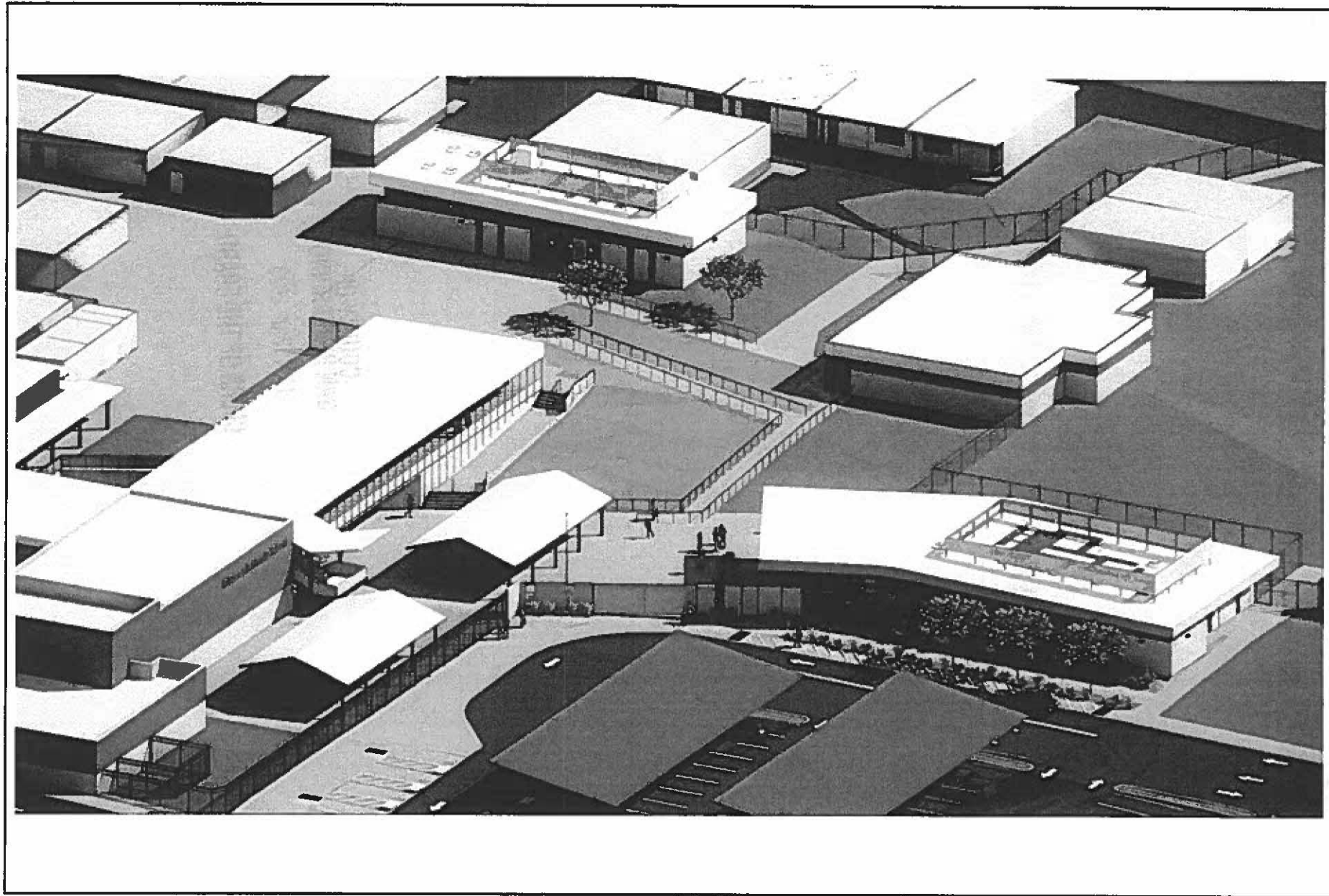
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Conceptual Site Plan



Attachment A

SCCIC Records Search Results

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From: Beherec, Marc
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Cc: Navvar, Margo
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Barbara,

Michael Baker International archaeologist Marc Beherec, Ph.D., RPA, conducted a records search at the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC), located at California State University, Fullerton, on September 26, 2022. Maps held and maintained by the SCCIC documenting previous studies and cultural resources were examined for the Terrace Hills Middle School project site and a 0.5-mile radius. As part of the records search, the following federal and California inventories were also reviewed:

- California Inventory of Historic Resources
- California Points of Historical Interest
- California Historical Landmarks
- Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility for San Bernardino County
- Built Environment Resources Directory for San Bernardino County
- United States Geological Survey TopoView
- Historicaerials.com

Terrace Hills Middle School was established in 1980, and most of the buildings on campus postdate its establishment. However, aerial photographs indicate that some of the buildings predate 1959 and therefore are historic-in-age.

A total of 20 previous studies have been conducted within 0.5-mile of the project site (see attached table). However, the campus itself has never been studied.

No archaeological or historical resources are documented within the project site.

One resource located within 0.5-mile radius, as reported in the table below. Resource 36-007168 is a segment of the Gage Canal, which was first constructed in 1886 but which has been subsequently modified and improved. According to the Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility (OHP 2022), the resource was formally determined to be ineligible for inclusion in the NRHP by consensus on April 4, 2018.

Primary Number	Trinomial	Description	CRHR Eligibility Status	Within Project Site?
P-36-007168	CA-SBR-007168	Gage Canal	6Y; ineligible for NRHP by consensus; ineligible for CRHR	No

The Built Environment Resources Directory for San Bernardino County documents no resources within or adjacent to the project site.

Marc

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SB-00249	NADB-R - 1060249; Voided - 75-3.1	1975	PORTILLO, GARTH	ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT EVALUATION: ARCHAEOLOGY OF PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE GRAND TERRACE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, GRAND TERRACE, CALIFORNIA	ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH UNIT, UCR	
SB-00273	NADB-R - 1060273; Voided - 75-12.2A	1975	LEONARD III, N. NELSON	SANTA ANA RIVER PROJECT, DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES AND APPENDICES: FIELD DATA	ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH UNIT, UCR	36-000314, 36-001543, 36-001571, 36-001572, 36-001575, 36-001576, 36-001577, 36-001578, 36-001579, 36-001580, 36-002317, 36-002623, 36-060001
SB-00274	NADB-R - 1060274; Voided - 75-12.2B	1979	ROSENTHAL, E. JANE	A CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY OF THE PROPOSED SANTA ANA RIVER HIKING/BIKING TRAIL IN THE PRADO FLOOD CONTROL BASIN	CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LONG BEACH	36-001543, 36-060001
SB-00275	NADB-R - 1060275; Voided - 75-12.2C	1977	TOBEY, RONALD C., TERRY D. SUSS, and LARRY BURGESS	HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY, PRADO FLOOD CONTROL BASIN, SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA	DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, UCR	36-001571, 36-002317, 36-060001
SB-00371	NADB-R - 1060371; Voided - 76-7.10	1976	HARRIS, RUTH D.	ARCHAEOLOGICAL - HISTORICAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT, APPROXIMATELY 30 ACS., GRAND TERRACE AREA	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION	
SB-00447	NADB-R - 1060447; Voided - 76-11.16	1976	SCOTT, M. B.	DEVELOPMENT OF WATER FACILITIES IN THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN, CALIFORNIA, 1810-1968		36-006109, 36-006545, 36-007172, 36-013549, 36-033055
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SB-00492	NADB-R - 1060492; Voided - 77-5.2	1977	SIMPSON, RUTH D., LAVERNA ARNOLD BROWN, and JOSEPH HEARN	ARCHAEOLOGICAL - HISTORICAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED BLOOMINGTON WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION	36-000144, 36-000714, 36-000715, 36-000793, 36-000794, 36-000795, 36-000796, 36-001458, 36-001572, 36-001573, 36-001574, 36-001575, 36-001576, 36-001577, 36-001578, 36-001579, 36-001580, 36-001581, 36-001582
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SB-00814	NADB-R - 1060814; Voided - 79-7.8	1979	DROVER, CHRISTOPHER E.	A CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY, PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT, GRAND TERRACE, CALIFORNIA		
SB-01837	NADB-R - 1061837; Voided - 88-11.5	1988	GOLDBERG, SUSAN K. and JEANNE E. ARNOLD	PREHISTORIC SITES IN THE PRADO BASIN, CALIFORNIA: REGIONAL CONTEXT AND SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION	INFOTEC	36-001543, 36-001570, 36-001571, 36-002259, 36-002260, 36-002845, 36-004032, 36-005096, 36-005241, 36-005242, 36-005243, 36-005244, 36-005245, 36-060002
SB-02784	NADB-R - 1062784	1991	HALLARAN, KEVIN B. and CHRISTOPHER FOORD	THE GAGE CANAL (DRAFT COPY OF 2 CHAPTERS OF UNKNOWN PUBLICATION)		36-007168
SB-02810	NADB-R - 1062810	1993	BROCK, JAMES	CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT OF THE GALBREATH PROPERTY, 1126 LOG LANE, BIG BEAR CITY, CA	ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVISORY GROUP	
SB-02853	NADB-R - 1062853	1991	FOSTER, JOHN M., JAMES J. SCHMIDT, CARMEN A. WEBER, GWENDOLYN R. ROMANI, and ROBERTA S. GREENWOOD	CULTURAL RESOURCE INVESTIGATION: INLAND FEEDER PROJECT, MWD OF SOUTHERN CA	GREENWOOD & ASSOCIATES	36-006086, 36-006354, 36-006847, 36-006848, 36-006849, 36-006850, 36-006851, 36-006852, 36-006853, 36-006854, 36-006855, 36-006856, 36-006857, 36-006858, 36-006859, 36-006860, 36-006861, 36-006862, 36-006863, 36-006864, 36-006865, 36-006866, 36-006867, 36-006868, 36-006869, 36-006870, 36-006871, 36-006872, 36-006940, 36-007021, 36-007050, 36-007051, 36-007053, 36-007054, 36-007055, 36-007702
SB-02920	NADB-R - 1062920	1994	WHITE, ROBERT S.	AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF A 40 ACRE PARCEL AS SHOWN ON TPM 14538 LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF BARBET ROAD AND SAGE STREET IN THE BALDY MESA AREA OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES	
SB-02963	NADB-R - 1062963	1992	HAENSZEL, ARDA	MORMONS IN SAN BERNARDINO	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY 39 (3):3-39	

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SB-06124		2008	Bonner, Wayne and Williams, Sarah	Cultural Resources Records Search and Site Visit Results for T-Mobile USA Candidate IE25479E (FS23) 22582 City Center Court, Grand Terrace, San Bernardino County, California	MBA	
SB-06191	NADB-R - 1066191	2008	Jordan, Stacey C.	Archaeological Survey Report for Southern California Edison Company Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project for a Total of Ten Poles on IDA 12kV (#4579978E & #4744631E), Oak Glen 12kV (#4744626E), Bryn Mawr 12kV (#4744645E), Stewart 4kV (#4760030E), Boulder 12kV (#4714250E), Lapins 12kV (#4759904E), Mesa Grande 12kV (#4759915E), Conine 12kV (#4759921E) and Preseton 12kV (#4759658E) Circuits and Removal of One Pole on Bench 12kV (#782504H) Circuit on Private Lands in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California.		

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