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ADDENDUM TO A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

*Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared for
Amendment AMND-2023-01203 to Use Permit UP-11-07*

SUBJECT

The current application is Amendment Application AMND-2023-01203, by McConnell Foundation and Redding School of the Arts, for the modification of the previously-approved design for a 300-student-capacity high school facility and associated performing arts theater.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Amendment Application AMND-2023-01203, by McConnell Foundation and Redding School of the Arts, for the modification of the previously-approved design for a 300-student-capacity high school facility and associated performing arts theater. This is a modification to the Use Permit Amendment UP-11-07 approved by the Board of Administrative Review on April 19, 2023. The entire project site encompasses approximately 11-acres spread across two (2) parcels located on the east side of Shasta View Drive.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The project site is relatively flat and consists primarily of blue oak woodland and annual grasses. Two unnamed drainages flow north to south through the project site and one small vernal feature was previously observed on the southernmost portion of the site and away from the project area. The northern portion of the site is previously developed and has retained many native trees on site.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT BACKGROUND

A Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the original project was adopted by the Redding Board of Administrative Review on April 19, 2023.

REVISED IMPACT ANALYSIS

The current project proposal represents a modification in the overall site design and building elevations. The proposed amendment separates the previously-approved 31,630 square foot building into five separate buildings: one for the performing arts theater and four for the high school, consisting of classrooms, administrative offices, cafeteria, multipurpose room, and supporting areas. These revisions would not constitute a substantial change with respect to the circumstances under which the project was undertaken or require a new mitigated negative declaration due to new significant environmental effects.

DETERMINATION

On April 19, 2023, the city of Redding previously certified a *Mitigated Negative Declaration* for the project described above.

Based upon a review of the current amendments to the project, it has been determined that an addendum is appropriate because the additions are minor, and *none* of the following conditions (pursuant to CEQA Section 15162) have occurred:

1. Substantial changes are proposed for the project that will require major revision of the previous *Mitigated Negative Declaration* due to new, significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified effects.
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that involve new, significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified effects.
3. New information of substantial importance indicates that:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous *Mitigated Negative Declaration*.
 - b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous *Mitigated Negative Declaration*.
 - c. Mitigation measures previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt them.
 - d. Mitigation measures that are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous *Mitigated Negative Declaration* would substantially reduce one or more significant effects, but the project proponents decline to adopt them.

FINDINGS

1. ***The City of Redding has determined that an addendum is warranted, finding that none of the above conditions are in evidence and that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the City, that the amendment proposal will have a significant effect on the environment.***
2. ***The Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration, with its supporting documentation (Initial Study), fully incorporated herein, reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City of Redding.***
3. ***Pursuant to Section 15074.1(b) of CEQA, the City of Redding finds that the mitigation measures contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are sufficient and that the Project will not cause any potentially significant effect on the environment.***

PUBLIC REVIEW DISTRIBUTION

Pursuant to Section 15164(c) of CEQA, an addendum does not require circulation for public review.

Copies of the Addendum, the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and the original Initial Study may be obtained at the Planning Division of the Development Services Department, City of Redding, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, CA 96001. Contact Tiffany Lightle at (530) 245.7112.

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Date



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