



LA CAÑADA
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

La Cañada Unified School District Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

From: La Cañada Unified School District

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Paradise Canyon Elementary School Modernization Project

The La Cañada Unified School District ("District") is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project identified below. The District has prepared an Initial Study to determine the environmental effects of the proposed project and finds issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of CEQA environmental review.

AGENCIES: The District requests that your agency review the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15086(a).

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The District requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

Project Title: Paradise Canyon Elementary School Modernization Project

Project Description: The La Cañada Unified School District proposes the following improvements to Paradise Canyon Elementary School: construction and use of an approximately 22,000-square-foot, two-story classroom building (consisting of two wings), an additional approximately 5,600-square-foot, single-story classroom building, one modular building, and one site-built classroom building to replace 15 portable classroom buildings; renovation of 14 existing classrooms; minor improvements to library, cafeteria, and administration buildings; exterior painting; upgrade of communication systems, fire alarm system; removal of onsite trees and planting of new trees; repairs and improvements to site utilities, playground, landscaping, and pedestrian walkways; and minor parking lot improvements consisting of installation of American Disability Act (ADA) signage and assigning/painting spaces for electric vehicles.

Project Location: 471 Knight Way, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

Significant Environmental Effects: The IS/MND concludes that no significant unavoidable environmental effects would occur as a result of the proposed project. Potentially significant impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, transportation, and mandatory findings of significance would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Public Review Period/Responses and Comments: The District is making the IS/MND available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. The District will accept responses and comments for 30 days, from and including March 24, 2023 to April 25, 2023.

All comments must be submitted in written format, either in a letter or email format. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses or comments to:

La Cañada Unified School District
Attn: Melissa Greenwood, Associate Superintendent, Business and Administrative Services
4490 Cornishon Avenue, La Cañada-Flintridge, CA 91011
Email: mgreenwood@lcsd.net

Notice of Public Meeting: LCUSD will hold a public meeting to request public comments on the IS/MND at 6:30 p.m. on April 11, 2023 at the La Cañada Unified School District Administration Office – Board Room, at 4490 Cornishon Avenue, La Cañada, CA 91011. The meeting will also be streamed on <https://bit.ly/pcy41123>, and may also be accessed at the following QR code.



DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: This IS/MND and associated materials are available for review during regular business hours at: La Cañada Unified School District, 4490 Cornishon Avenue, La Cañada, CA 91011

The document is available online on the District's website at:

https://www.lcusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1773500&type=d&pREC_ID=1952614