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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: El Dorado High School Field Lighting Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (District), as Lead Agency), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the El Dorado High School Field Lighting Project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines). The purpose of this notice is 1) to serve as a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft EIR for a 45-day public comment period pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, and 2) to announce public comment meetings to be held by the District during the 45-day comment period.

DEFINITIONS:

California Environmental Quality Act requires an objective, public process where public agencies address and disclose the potential environmental effects of projects under consideration. One of the methods used to inform the public and decisionmakers of potential environmental harm is the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR), which is circulated for public review to allow comments and input by public agencies, interested parties and the public.

An **EIR** is a detailed statement that describes and analyzes a project's potential significant environmental impacts and proposes ways to mitigate or avoid the negative effects.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA): The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, as lead agency, has prepared a Draft EIR and is providing this notice to serve as a NOA of a Draft EIR for a 45-day public comment period pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15087. This NOA provides a brief description of the proposed project and its location, public review period starting and ending dates, date, time, and place of scheduled public meetings, a list of significant environmental effects anticipated as a result of the proposed project and addresses where copies of the Draft EIR are available for public review. The public review period will commence on April 3, 2023 and will close on May 17, 2023. A copy of the NOA can be viewed electronically on the District's webpage at: <https://www.pylusd.org/edhsfieldlights>. A hard copy of the Draft EIR is available at: District Education Center, 1301 E. Orangethorpe Avenue, Placentia CA 92780 in the Maintenance and Facilities Department.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: We ask that any person wishing to comment on the Draft EIR provide written comments by the end of the public review period at 5:00 pm, May 17, 2023, to:

<https://www.pylusd.org/edhsfieldlights>
Bradd Runge, Director, Maintenance, Facilities & Construction
(Please include *"CEQA El Dorado High School"* in the subject line)

or by U.S. mail to:

**Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District
1301 E. Orangethorpe Ave., Placentia, CA 92870
Attn: Bradd Runge, Director, Maintenance, Facilities & Construction**

PUBLIC MEETING: The District will hold two in-person public comment meetings to present the proposed project and the Draft EIR. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the findings of the Draft EIR and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on environmental issues. Interested parties are invited to attend the public comment meeting at the time and location presented below:

Public Meeting Time and Dates: April 11, 2023 and May 9, 2023 6:00 PM

Location: District Education Center, 1301 E. Orangethorpe Avenue, Placentia CA 92870

PROJECT LOCATION: El Dorado High School (EDHS) is at 1651 Valencia Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870. The school campus is surrounded by residential in all four directions. The synthetic track/field is in the northwestern portion of the campus and is north of the baseball and softball fields, west of the existing parking lot and tennis courts, immediately east of Brookhaven Avenue, and directly south of single-family residences. Vehicular access to the El Dorado HS Campus and track/field is via the driveway off Valencia Avenue and existing parking lot.

The high school site is zoned R1, Residential and the General Plan Land Use Map designates the site as Schools and Institutional.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The District proposes to install permanent lighting to the synthetic track/field at El Dorado High School. Currently, students are transported to other schools for practice due to a lack of access, especially during the winter months. The installation of lights would allow those activities to move to their home field. Lights may be used until 10:00 p.m. The proposed lighting would consist of four pre-cast concrete bases with four galvanized steel poles 80 feet tall, with eight light emitting diode (LED) luminaires mounted at 16 feet and 80 feet.

The District currently uses electric-powered portable lights for student-related activities on the field. Strikers, a youth soccer group, currently uses diesel-powered portable lights. Striker uses the field Monday through Thursday, ending at 8:00 p.m.

The proposed project would not include a public announcement system. Implementation of the proposed project would not provide additional seating.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The proposed project would result in no impacts on Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Population and Housing. Impacts related to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Utilities, and Service Systems, and Wildfire were determined to be less than significant with no mitigation required. Impacts related to Noise were determined to be significant and unavoidable. Per CEQA Guidelines section 15087(c)(6), the Project Site is not on state and federal hazardous materials sites enumerated under Government Code section 65962.5.

If you require additional information, please contact Bradd Runge, Director, Maintenance, Facilities & Construction, brunge@pylusd.org.