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Project Title: Twin Oaks Valley Road Athletic Fields - Lighting Project

Lead Agency: California State University - San Marcos

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Project Location: San Marcos (*City*) San Diego County (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project would involve construction of pole lighting and audio improvements for the two existing baseball/softball fields and soccer field. The existing fields currently do not have nighttime lighting but do have a portable audio system that is maneuvered to various locations, as needed. In particular, the project would require trenching for new power and irrigation lines, grading for a service pad area, and removal of existing power lines for the placement of new pole lighting fixtures. The project would also entail the construction of a concrete block equipment shelter with an adjoining concrete block generator enclosure south of the existing baseball field. The equipment shelter would have a maximum height of 10-feet and be constructed on a new concrete pad. Future uses at the project site would not increase overall usage but would increase the overall duration of use to allow practices and games to encroach into the evening hours.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Aesthetics: Upon approval of the project, the addition of lighting poles would not degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its immediate surroundings and would be consistent with CSUSM's envisioned visual character and quality of the project site and surrounding institutional areas. Additionally, the project would include Mitigation Measure AES-1, which would reduce temporary construction impacts by screening public views of construction equipment, to the extent feasible, during construction of the project. With implementation of mitigation, impacts would be less than significant.

Cultural Resources: The Cultural Resources Technical Study prepared by Rincon (April 2023) did not identify any archaeological deposits located on the project site. Regardless, considering the density of prehistoric resources recorded in the project vicinity and an analysis of soils present in the project site, the project site is considered to be located within an area sensitive for archaeological resources. Therefore, there is potential for unknown buried archaeological resources to be encountered during construction-related ground disturbance. This is a potentially significant impact.
Mitigation Measures CUL-1 and CUL-2 require retention of an on-call archaeologist and the implementation of specific protocols in the event of an unanticipated discovery. With implementation of these measures, potential impacts to archaeological resources would be reduced to a less than significant level.

Tribal Cultural Resources: The potential remains for the unanticipated discovery of a tribal cultural resource on the project site, which would be a significant impact. Mitigation Measure TRI-1 requires the retention of a Native American tribal monitor to participate in pre-construction awareness training and conduct construction monitoring. With this measure, project impacts on tribal cultural resources would be reduced to less than significant.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No known areas of controversy.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

None