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Project Title: San Marin High School Stadium Lights Project

Lead Agency: Novato Unified School District

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Project Location: San Marin High School, 15 San Marin Drive, Novato, Marin County

City

County

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

The project involves installation of athletic field lights (currently installed, but not yet in use), including an eight-pole stadium lighting system and upgraded public address (PA) system at the existing stadium at San Marin High School. The project would also expand the hours of use for the athletic field by allowing use of the field during non-daylight hours and non-school hours. The District proposes to install permanent stadium lighting that would consist of a modern, energy-efficient, LED lighting system that would minimize the glare of the stadium lights and reduce the amount of illumination outside of the stadium fields compared to older lighting systems. In addition, the proposed project would involve upgrades to the PA system. The current public address system creates unintended noise that is not properly directed within the stadium. The upgrade would allow the system to focus and contain sound within the stadium. The lighting installation at San Marin High School's stadium would generally consist of two sets of poles. The first set of poles would support lighting fixtures for illuminating the field during sports competitions, practices, and other events. These poles would be approximately 80 feet tall and would be installed at eight locations, arranged as four poles spaced evenly along each long side of the athletic field. The second set of poles would support lighting fixtures for illuminating the field during post-event egress, clean-up, and potentially during sports team practices. These poles would be up to approximately 30 feet tall and would be installed at up to 18 locations throughout the athletic field site to provide adequate lighting for safe egress. The new stadium lighting systems would allow for the expansion of nighttime activities in the stadiums.

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

The Revised Draft EIR identifies a significant unavoidable impact with respect to crowd and PA system noise during varsity football games, as did the original EIR.

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

Light and glare, noise, traffic, parking, crime, alternatives, cumulative impacts

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

None