



**Date of Notice:** June 9, 2025

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

### **CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Hardy Elementary School Joint Use Facility General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment  
**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** College Area  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 9  
**LOCATION:** Hardy Elementary School: 5420 Montezuma Rd., San Diego, CA 92115

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Hardy Elementary School Joint Use Facility proposed General Development Plan Amendment includes the design and construction of a modified joint use facility (JUF) at Hardy Elementary School in the City of San Diego totaling approximately 2.69 acres. The San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) is the lead agency directing the design and construction of the joint use facility at Hardy Elementary School. The whole site modernization project at Hardy Elementary School will consist of a multi-phase approach. Phase one will consist of the placement of interim housing classrooms on the joint use field area, demolition of 8 portable classrooms, the kindergarten building, lunch canopy and hardscape area along the East side of the campus. Modification to the existing parking lot will occur to accommodate a new pick-up and drop-off area. The project also includes construction of a new food service building, construction of a new lunch canopy and playground area. Phase two will consist of demolition of the remaining two portable classrooms on the west side of campus, construction of a new 2-story classroom building that will house Kinder, UTK on the bottom and upper grades on the top floor, renovations to existing classrooms, multi-purpose room, administration building, and library buildings. Construction also includes new K-5 play structures, a new school garden, and restoration of the existing joint use field.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), Section 15311 (Accessory Structures), Section 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools), and Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting,

leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure; Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) which consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities; Section 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools) which consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less; and Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) which consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For the purposes of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. The exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On June 9, 2025, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to CEQA. This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**June 16, 2025**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form [DS-3031](#) can be obtained at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov) by 5:00p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 business hours. You must separately mail the appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The appeal filing fee must be United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked) before or on the final date of the appeal.

2. Appeals filed In-Person: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form [DS-3031](#) can be obtained at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Bring the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building— Public Information Counter (Open 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm on the last day of the appeal period. The completed appeal form shall include the required appeal fee, with a check payable to: City Treasurer.

The appeal application can also be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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