



Date of Notice: July 10, 2019

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Joint Use Field at Hickman Elementary School

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mira Mesa

COUNCIL DISTRICT: District 6

LOCATION: Hickman Elementary School, 10850 Montongo Street, San Diego, CA 92126

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes the construction and operation of a joint use field (JUF) at Hickman Elementary School in the City of San Diego. The San Diego Unified School District and the City of San Diego would operate the proposed JUF through a joint use agreement which would specify details such as the hours of operation, types of activities allowed, and security and maintenance details. Construction staging would occur within the boundaries of the site and would be separated from the rest of the campus by construction fencing. A traffic control plan would be prepared for the site prior to the start of construction. The proposed improvements include: 1) removal of the existing decomposed gravel (DG) field and installation of one (1) 1.21-acre natural turf field; 2) grading of an existing uneven 0.38-acre natural turf area and installation of a natural turf field in the same location; 3) installation of an asphalt concrete (AC) walking track around the turf field; 4) installation of a chain link fence around the JUF with access gates; and 5) installation of a comfort station, a drinking fountain, shade trees, a picnic area, a new playground, and other recreational amenities. Additionally, the proposed JUF may include a bioswale in the northwest corner of the campus. The proposed project would incorporate best management practices (BMPs) to minimize storm water runoff from construction and operational activities at the site.

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 July 10, 2019, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (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 in the Office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**July 24, 2019**). The appeal application can 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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