



Date of Notice: May 22, 2020

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Whitman Elementary School Joint Use Field Project

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Clairemont Mesa

COUNCIL DISTRICT: District 6

LOCATION: 4050 Appleton Street, San Diego, CA 92117

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes the construction and operation of a joint use field (JUF) at Whitman Elementary School in the City of San Diego. The proposed JUF area would include the following amenities: 1) an approximately 2.59-acre turf playfield; 2) an eight-foot wide asphalt track surface along the perimeter of turf playfield; 3) replacement of the existing gunite slope on western edge of the JUF area; 4) an approximately 54-space asphalt parking lot with a 20-foot curb cut and apron and a 20-foot leaf vehicular gate; 5) a 20-foot asphalt fire lane at the main entrance with two (2) new 20-foot leaf vehicular gates; 6) a 10-foot decorative security fencing along the perimeter of the joint use area; 7) potential new underground water retention areas; 8) a water service meter and backflow device; and 9) other amenities including, but not limited to, a drinking fountain, picnic tables, and trash and recycling receptacles.

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.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15311 (Accessory Structures), 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools), and 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 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 percent or 10 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 May 22, 2020, 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 with the Office of the Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**June 8, 2020**). During the Statewide "Safer-at-Home" directive to reduce the spread of COVID-19, beginning March 19, 2020, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or US Mail as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: Send the appeal by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Elena Pascual, 9485 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123**. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
2. Appeals filed via US Mail: Send the appeal by US Mail to **City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101**. Appeals filed by US Mail must have a United States Postal Service (USPS) postmark by the appeal deadline to be considered valid. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Elena Pascual, 9485 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123**. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact **Elena Pascual** at EPascual@sandiego.gov.

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