

DATE: February 29, 2024

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

FROM: San Rafael City School (Lead Agency)

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Terra Linda High School Capital Improvements Project (SCH No. 2023080737)

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), San Rafael City Schools (SRCS) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Terra Linda High School Capital Improvements Project (Project). This Notice of Availability (NOA) complies with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15087 and 15105 and notifies responsible and trustee agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties that the Draft EIR has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse and is available for public review and comment.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

- San Rafael City Schools Administration Office, 310 Nova Albion Way, Room 505, San Rafael, CA 94903 (during normal business hours)
- SRCS website: <https://www.srcsbondprogram.org/>

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Please submit written comments concerning the adequacy of the environmental analysis presented in the Draft EIR to:

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The Draft EIR will be circulated for a 45-day public review period. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your written comments must be received at the above mailing or email address by no later than **5:00 PM on Monday, April 15, 2024**. Please reference the Project title shown above in all correspondence.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed action that the San Rafael City Schools Board of Education will take, which is the subject of the Draft EIR, is the approval of phased capital improvements at Terra Linda High School, located at 320 Nova Albion Way in the City of San Rafael, County of Marin. The purpose of the Project is to modernize capital facilities at Terra Linda High School with bond proceeds from the “San Rafael City High School District Measure B,” passed on June 6, 2022, by the San Rafael voters. The Project would be implemented in three general phases:

- **Phase 1** consists of the demolition and reconstruction of the existing pool and related facilities, renovation of the existing locker and team rooms (southern half of Building K), demolition and

reconstruction of Building H (ancillary gymnasium with dance, weight room, mat room, restrooms, storage, aquatic concessions), and stadium upgrades.

- **Phase 2** consists of the modernization of the main classroom buildings and installation of campus-wide security fencing.
- **Phase 3** consists of the replacement of natural turf with artificial turf for the creation of baseball and multiuse (softball and soccer) fields, improvements at the tennis courts, and beautification improvements to the track and field stadium.

The Project would not increase the student seating capacity at Terra Linda High School or modify existing academic and athletic programs. However, the proposed reconstructed aquatic facility would meet California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) standards, which would allow the school's existing swim/dive and water polo programs to host CIF competitions. The proposed artificial turf fields would accommodate Terra Linda High School's existing physical education and athletic programs and also allow Terra Linda High School's junior varsity and varsity softball program, including practices and games, to be relocated on campus. The proposed facilities would continue to be available for community use through the Civic Center Act.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the Project is contained in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts requiring mitigation measures for the environmental topics of aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, and recreation. With the implementation of mitigation measures and best management practices, and compliance with existing laws and regulations, all environmental impacts caused by the Project would be reduced to less-than-significant levels. The Project would not result in any significant environmental effects.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE ON-SITE: The Terra Linda High School campus is not included on any hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code, which requires the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency to compile lists of hazardous materials sites and waste facilities, also known as the "Cortese List." The US Environmental Protection Agency's database of regulated facilities lists Terra Linda High School as a small quantity generator; however, hazardous wastes generated by the campus would be typical of construction and operation activities for schools.