Public Notice for the Sweetwater Union High School District Bonita Vista High School Track and Field Project

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: Notice is hereby given that the Sweetwater Union High School District (SUHSD), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Bonita Vista High School Track and Field Project (proposed project). The Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) has been prepared to analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. SDUSD has prepared this Notice of Availability of the RDEIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located at Bonita Vista High School (BVHS), 751 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA, at the northeast intersection of East H Street and Otay Lakes Road. The project site is bound by a residential community, retail, and Southwestern College. Otay Lakes Road and East H Street provide local access to the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would implement replacements, upgrades and improvements on BVHS's existing athletic fields. Improvements would include replacement of the existing dirt track with a synthetic, all-weather surface, replacement of the natural turf with artificial turf, installation of additional stadium seating that would accommodate up to 2,000 spectators, and construction of a point of entry plaza. The point of entry plaza would include a concession and restrooms building, and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible entrance. In addition, installation of a new public address (PA) and speaker system and a field lighting system that would allow sporting events to be held on campus during evening hours are proposed. Football and other nighttime BVHS events are currently held at the Southwestern College stadium. All other schools in the District have stadium lighting and the community desires to have equal amenities at BVHS.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The RDEIR discloses that the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts to aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geotechnical resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services and recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire; and potential noise impacts would be mitigated to less than significant.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 45-day review and comment period from February 5, 2021, to March 22, 2021, has been established in accordance with Section 15105(a) of the CEQA Guidelines. All written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on March 22, 2021. Comments may be submitted to <u>Volanda.Hernandez@sweetwaterschools.org</u>.

ACCESSING THE DRAFT EIR: Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the Draft EIR is only available for review at the SUHSD website at <u>https://planningandconstruction.sweetwaterschools.org/news/</u>.

If you wish to provide comments on the appropriateness of adequacy of this document, address your written comments to our finding that the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Also, please (1) identify the environmental effects(s), why they would occur, and why they would be significant, and (2) suggest any mitigation measures that you believe would eliminate or reduce the effect to an acceptable level. Regarding item (1) above, please explain the basis of your comments and submit any supporting data or references.

Please send written comments on the scope and content of the Draft EIR to:

Sweetwater Union High School District Attention: Ms. Yolanda Hernandez, Sr. Executive Assistant, Facilities and Operations 1130 Fifth Avenue Chula Vista, California 91911

Please use first-class mail and be sure to include your name and a return address.