

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

	s hereby given that the Lead g location:	Agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the				
Lead Age	ency:	Palm Springs Unified School District				
Project Name:		Palm Springs High School Seismic Upgrades and Modernization Improvements				
Project Description:		The Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD) is proposing to implement various seismic upgrades and modernization improvements on the Palm Springs High School (PSHS) campus (proposed Project). Of those buildings that would undergo seismic upgrades and modernization improvements as part of the proposed Project include the: (1) library; (2) gymnasium; and (3) cafeteria. The proposed Project would include the renovation of these 3 buildings to meet current seismic standards modernization improvements, as well as the construction of a new 7,400-square-foot mini-gym within the cafeteria and the addition of a 1,950-square-foot lobby on the northeast corner of the gymnasium. Lastly, the proposed Project would involve various hardscape and landscaping improvements across the PSHS campus to improve existing drainage conditions. Implementation of the proposed Project would provide the PSHS campus with a range of upgraded and modern facilities that meet current standards. Construction of the proposed Project would take approximately 24 months, with a commencement date of spring 2020 and an estimated completion date of summer 2022. Occupancy of the upgraded and modernized facilities would occur by the start of the 2022–2023 school year.				
Project Location:		The PSHS campus is located at 2401 East Baristo Road and immediately adjoins the Desert Learn Academy (DLA) campus on a joint campus. The PSHS-DLA joint campus is bound by East Baristo Ro to the north, South Farrell Drive to the east, East Ramon Road to the south, and South Pavilion W to the west. The Project site, which consists PSHS portion of the campus, is currently comprised approximately 20 buildings situated across a total area of approximately 43 acres.				
the basis	of the Initial Study, the Lead	ordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. On Agency's Staff has concluded that the project, with the incorporation of mitigation measures, will not ment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the ency.				
	The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.					
	The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.					
	The proposed project site IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.					
	The proposed project site IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.					
	The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of To					
	The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.					
	A scoping meeting WILL be	held by the lead agency.				
	A scoping meeting WILL NO	T be held by the lead agency.				
•	·	tigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review online at www.psusd.us and 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262				
Lead Agency Address:		150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262				
until Mo prior to t	nday, November 4, 2019. Any	s on Thursday, October 3, 2019 and ends on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Comments will be received person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency consible Agencies are also requested. The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated				
Date:	November 26, 2019	Time: 6:00 PM				
		will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.				
Date Rece for Filing:		July Arthur				
(Clerk sta	mp here)	Julie Arthur Executive Director Facilities Planning and Development Palm Springs Unified School District				

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this Project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

	Aesthetics		Agriculture and Forestry		Air Quality			
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Energy			
	Geology/Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards & Hazardous Materials			
	Hydrology/Water Quality		Land Use Planning		Mineral Resources			
	Noise		Population/Housing		Public Services			
	Recreation		Transportation		Tribal Cultural Resources			
	Utilities/Service Systems		Wildfire		Mandatory Findings of Significance			
On the basis of this initial evaluation:								
	I find that the proposed Project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.							
\boxtimes	I find that although the proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the Project have been made by or agreed to by the Project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.							
	I find that the proposed Project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.							
	I find that the proposed Project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.							
I find that although the proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects(a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed Project, nothing further is required.								
Signature 9-30-19 Date								

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