



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS AT WALKER ELEMENTARY AND WANGENHEIM MIDDLE SCHOOL

December 6, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Diego Unified School District (District), as lead agency, is circulating for public review a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Solar Photovoltaic Installations at Walker Elementary and Wangenheim Middle School (proposed project), located in the City of San Diego.

Project Title: Solar Photovoltaic Installations at Walker Elementary and Wangenheim Middle School

Lead Agency: San Diego Unified School District

Project Location: The proposed project would occur within District-owned school sites located at 9225 Hillery Drive, San Diego, CA 92126 (Walker Elementary School) and 9230 Gold Coast Drive, San Diego, CA 92126 (Wangenheim Middle School).

Project Description: The proposed project involves the installation of solar PV canopy systems within existing paved parking areas or disturbed areas at both Walker Elementary and Wangenheim Middle School campuses. Electrical transmission lines would be installed from the canopy systems to connect to the grid at existing electric main service connections at each of the campuses. There would be no operational changes at the school as a result of the proposed project, such as changes to the student pick-up/drop-off locations. Additionally, no changes to the student enrollment or capacity of the school would occur with the proposed project.

Unmitigable Significant Environmental Effects: No significant and unmitigable impacts were identified.

Mitigable Significant Environmental Effects: Significant impacts were identified for the following resource categories; however, feasible mitigation measures have also been identified that would reduce impacts to below a level of significance: Hazards/Hazardous Materials and Noise.

Availability: The draft IS/MND is available for review at the following locations:

- San Diego Unified School District, Physical Plant Operations Center, Annex Room 5 (see receptionist), 4860 Ruffner Street, San Diego, CA 92111
- Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St, San Diego, CA 92126

Comments: Written comments regarding the draft IS/MND should be directed to Paul Garcia, CEQA Environmental Coordinator, Facilities Planning & Construction, 4860 Ruffner Street Annex Room 5, San Diego, CA 92111. Written comments can also be sent via e-mail to: environmental@sandi.net.

The 20-day public review period for the draft IS/MND is from December 6, 2019 - December 27, 2019. Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on December 27, 2019. A final IS/MND incorporating public input will be prepared for consideration by the Board of Education at a future public hearing.

For more information, please contact Paul Garcia, CEQA environmental coordinator, at (619) 913-2999 or environmental@sandi.net. To learn the date and time of the San Diego Unified School District board meeting, please call the Board Office at (619) 725-5550, or visit the Board of Education web site at www.sandi.net/boe. The Board Office also has information on how individuals/groups provide information to the board and/or speak at the board meeting.