

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND SCOPING MEETING

CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties **DATE:** February 20, 2020
FROM: Glendale Unified School District (Lead Agency)
SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations and Notice of Scoping Meeting

The Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) intends to develop field improvements including a 3,442-seat bleacher system and field lighting on the campus of Crescenta Valley High School. GUSD will serve as the Lead Agency for the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15051(c) in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Crescenta Valley High School Field Improvement Project as described below. GUSD is requesting identification of environmental issues and information that you or your organization believes should be considered in the EIR.

PROJECT TITLE: Crescenta Valley High School Field Improvement Project

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: February 20, 2020 – March 20, 2020

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please send your responses and comments to Planning, Development & Facilities Department via phone, mail, or e-mail as noted below. Please include the name, phone number, and email address of a contact person in all responses submitted.

Phone Number: 818-806-7181.

Mailing Address: Glendale Unified School District,
349 West Magnolia Avenue
Glendale, California 91204

Email: cvhsfield@gusd.net

SCOPING MEETING: GUSD will host a Scoping Meeting for the project to receive comments on the scope and content of the proposed EIR. You are welcome to attend and present environmental information that you believe should be considered in the EIR. The meeting is scheduled for:

Date: March 5, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Place: Crescenta Valley High School Auditorium
2900 Community Avenue
Glendale, CA 91214

AGENCIES: GUSD requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by GUSD when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The District requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT LOCATION: Crescenta Valley HS is located at 2900 Community Avenue in the southwest part of the unincorporated community of La Crescenta, Los Angeles County, California. The Crescenta Valley HS Field proposed project would be developed within the existing field area.

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The community of La Crescenta is an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County that is surrounded by the cities of Glendale to the south and west, La Canada Flintridge and unincorporated Montrose to the east, and the Angeles National Forest to the north. Regional access to the Crescenta Valley HS campus is I-210, approximately 0.1 mile to the south. The Crescenta Valley HS campus is trapezoidal and bordered by Community Avenue to the north, I-210 to the south, Glenwood Avenue to the east, and Ramsdell Avenue to west.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would redevelop the area south of the tennis courts and north of the existing track and field to install permanent bleachers and new field lighting around the existing track and field. Additional improvements would include a restroom and storage/maintenance buildings, a team room, and a concession stand. The proposed project would make use of existing street and on-site parking. No change in site access or parking would occur. The school's use of the proposed field would be from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am to 10:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

The proposed project includes the development of new bleachers with 3,442 seats. All 3,442 seats would be along the northeastern portion of the existing field. The bleachers would be aluminum and galvanized steel construction with concrete foundations. In addition, the project would include the installation and operation of four 80-foot-tall light poles along the perimeter of the running track. The project would also include a 540-square-foot concession stand along the northern perimeter of the project site and a 2,254-square-foot home team room along the southeastern perimeter of the project site.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: An EIR will be prepared to evaluate the project's potential impacts on the environment and analyze alternatives. The topics anticipated to be discussed in the EIR include aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, energy, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services, transportation, and wildfire. The project's potential environmental effects are further described in the project's Initial Study, which is available for review as detailed below.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Initial Study is available for public review at the following locations (physical locations during normal business hours):

- Glendale Unified School District, 223 North Jackson Street, Glendale, California 91206
- Crescenta Valley High School, 2900 Community Avenue, Glendale, CA 91214
- Glendale Unified School District website: <https://www.gusd.net/CVHSField>