



# Northern Humboldt Union High School District

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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The Northern Humboldt Union High School District has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for the Arcata High School Athletic Facilities Improvements Project.

**Project Location:** The project is located in Arcata, California, southwest of the intersection of US Highway 101 and Sunset Avenue. The project site is currently developed as an outdoor athletic facility below the Arcata High School main campus. The proposed project will occur on approximately 7.9 acres of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 505-111-004.

**Project Description:** The Northern Humboldt Union High School District proposes improvement of the existing athletic facility below the Arcata High School main campus. The improved athletic facility will include an all-weather track, football field, soccer field, baseball diamond, batting cages, and a multi-use building (i.e. maintenance and custodian storage, women's and men's restroom, and ticket and concessions booth). The entire site will be regraded and drainage infrastructure would be redesigned to improve conditions and usability of the fields. Access to the proposed project will be provided by an improved driveway/entrance and new pedestrian pathway from Sunset Avenue. New standard and ADA parking spaces will be provided at the site. The proposed project also includes several utility infrastructure improvements including the reconfiguration of electrical infrastructure, a new water meter, a new fire hydrant, a new wastewater line between the project site and the AHS main campus, and new stormwater improvements.

**Application Type:** Use of Measure N funds by the Northern Humboldt Union High School District for improvements to the Arcata High School outdoor athletic facilities.

The Northern Humboldt Union High School District, as Lead Agency for the proposed project, has discretionary authority over the primary project proposal. To implement this project, the applicant may need to obtain, at a minimum, the following discretionary permits/approvals from other agencies:

- City of Arcata – Encroachment Permit
- North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District – Asbestos NESHAP Regulations
- State Water Resources Control Board – Construction General Permit

**Review Period:** The review period set by the Northern Humboldt Union High School District for review of the Draft IS/MND is 30 days.

Starting Date: May 18, 2020

Ending Date: June 17, 2020

**Document Availability:** The Draft IS/MND is available for review at the following online platforms:

- Northern Humboldt Union High School District – District Website  
(<https://www.nohum.org/>)
- California Governor’s Office of Planning and Research – CEQAnet Web Portal  
(<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>)

Reference documents are available upon request. Please contact the District’s Fiscal Services Director by e-mail at [cvickers@nohum.k12.ca.us](mailto:cvickers@nohum.k12.ca.us).

**Contact Person:** Written comments can be mailed to the attention of Roger Macdonald, Northern Humboldt Union High School District, 2755 McKinleyville Avenue, McKinleyville, CA 95519. Comments can also be submitted by e-mail to the District’s Fiscal Services Director at [cvickers@nohum.k12.ca.us](mailto:cvickers@nohum.k12.ca.us).

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for a special meeting of the Northern Humboldt Union High School District Board during the week of June 22nd. The exact meeting date and time will be available in advance of the public hearing on the District’s website at <https://www.nohum.org/apps/pages/board-meetings>.