

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Mendocino County Clerk

Project Title: Ukiah High School Athletic Field Improvement Project

Lead Agency: Ukiah Unified School District, 511 S. Orchard Ave., Ukiah, CA 95482

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Review Period: June 25, 2021 to July 26, 2021

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the Ukiah Unified School District (District) has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Ukiah High School Athletic Field Improvement Project.

Project Description and Location

The Ukiah Unified School District is proposing a number of improvements and renovations to Ukiah High School athletic fields. These include replacing the existing natural-turf north field with a new lighted all-weather synthetic turf soccer field, scoreboard, seating areas, fencing, and stormwater drainage improvements. The project also includes replacement of existing high pressure sodium or metal halide lighting with LED lights at the existing track and field stadium. Repaving, minor utilities trenching, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements would occur along an existing fire lane within the Ukiah High School campus. These renovated facilities would accommodate PE classes and organized sports during the school year, as well as serve as weekend and summer recreation sites for individuals and groups. Stormwater renovations are also included in the proposed project to accommodate stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces and meet current stormwater treatment standards. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 and would take approximately 95 days to complete.

Providing Comments

A 30-day public review period will extend from June 25, 2021 to July 26, 2021. The IS/MND will be available for public review online at https://www.uusd.net. Please e-mail any comments on the IS/MND by 5 PM on July 26, 2021 to Gabriel Sherman at gsherman@uusd.net.

After the review period closes, the District Board of Trustees will consider adopting the IS/MND for the project during a public meeting tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2021 at 4:30 PM. We encourage you to check the District's webpage to confirm the date, time, location and format (live or online) of the Board meeting at the following website address: https://www.uusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=675179&type=d&pREC_ID=1067748