

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Nuview Union School District  
29780 Lakeview Avenue  
Nuevo, California, 92567

☒ County of Riverside  
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507

Project Title: **STADIUM LIGHTING AND LOUDSPEAKER SYSTEM AT NUVIEW BRIDGE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

Project Location: The northeast side of the Nuview Bridge Early College High School (NBECHS) located at 30401 Reservoir Avenue, Nuevo, California 92567.

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): The NBECHS campus includes parcels 426-450-011, -012, and -013.

Project Description: NBECHS is located at 30401 Reservoir Avenue in Nuevo, an unincorporated community in Riverside County. The NBECHS campus is bordered by 9th Street and agricultural land to the north, agricultural and equine uses to the east, agricultural uses and single-family homes to the south, and Reservoir Avenue and agricultural and undeveloped land to the west. An underground portion of the Colorado River Aqueduct crosses the northwest side of the campus. The project site is located on the northeast side of the NBECHS campus. The project site is bordered by agricultural uses to the north and east, and the NBECHS campus to the west and south. The Colorado River Aqueduct is to the north of the project site. The equine facility is to the southeast of the project site. The closest residence to the project site is approximately 530 feet east of the project site at the intersection of Lakeview Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. See Figure 1, *Aerial Photograph*.

Nuview Union School District (District) would install four permanent stadium light poles with modern LED stadium lighting systems at its existing stadium at the NBECHS. There would be two light poles on the home team side (up to 80 feet above grade) and two light poles on the visitor team side (up to 70 feet above grade). The two light poles on the home team side would also include three loudspeakers. The proposed project would include underground conduit lines that would connect to electrical boxes on the campus, including one near the home team bleachers and one next to the existing buildings south of the stadium. Refer to Figure 2, *Site Plan*. The proposed project would replace the existing portable stadium lights and portable loudspeakers that are currently used. No changes to event/game programming nor enrollment would occur. All construction activities would occur on the NBECHS campus.

Lead Agency: Nuvview Union School District  
Applicant: Nuvview Union School District  
29780 Lakeview Avenue  
Nuevo, California, 92567

Exemption Status: ☐ Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];  
☐ Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];  
☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];  
☒ **General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)]; Common Sense Exemption**  
☐ Categorical Exemption [Section 15301(a), Existing Facilities];  
☐ Approval of Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges [Section 21080(b)(8)(D)];  
☐ Statutory Exemption [Section 15273(a)(4)].

## REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

The project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines [Section 15061(b)(3)], which states:

(b) A project is exempt from CEQA if:

(3) The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

The California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000, et. seq. of the California Public Resources Code, hereafter CEQA) requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary "projects." A "project," under CEQA, is defined as "the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment." The installation of the stadium lights and loudspeakers by a public agency is a project as defined by CEQA. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), an activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The activity is not subject to CEQA where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

The Nuvview Union School District would install four stadium light poles with modern LED lighting and loudspeakers at its existing NBECHS campus (see Figure 2, *Site Plan*). The proposed project would replace the existing portable stadium lights and portable loudspeakers that are currently used. All construction activities would occur on the NBECHS campus. The proposed modern LED stadium lights would be approximately 80 feet in height on the home team side and 70 feet in height on the visitor team side, which

is taller than the portable stadium lights. The height of the proposed stadium lights would improve lighting across the field and would allow the light to be better focused on the field which would limit spillover lighting compared to the portable lights. Further, since the proposed project would replace existing portable loudspeakers and would not change events/games programming nor enrollment, it would create noise levels similar to existing conditions. As discussed above, no sensitive receptors immediately border the project site. Therefore, the proposed project would not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not cause a significant effect on the environment, the proposed project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).


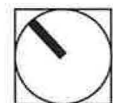
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Figure 1 - Aerial Photograph



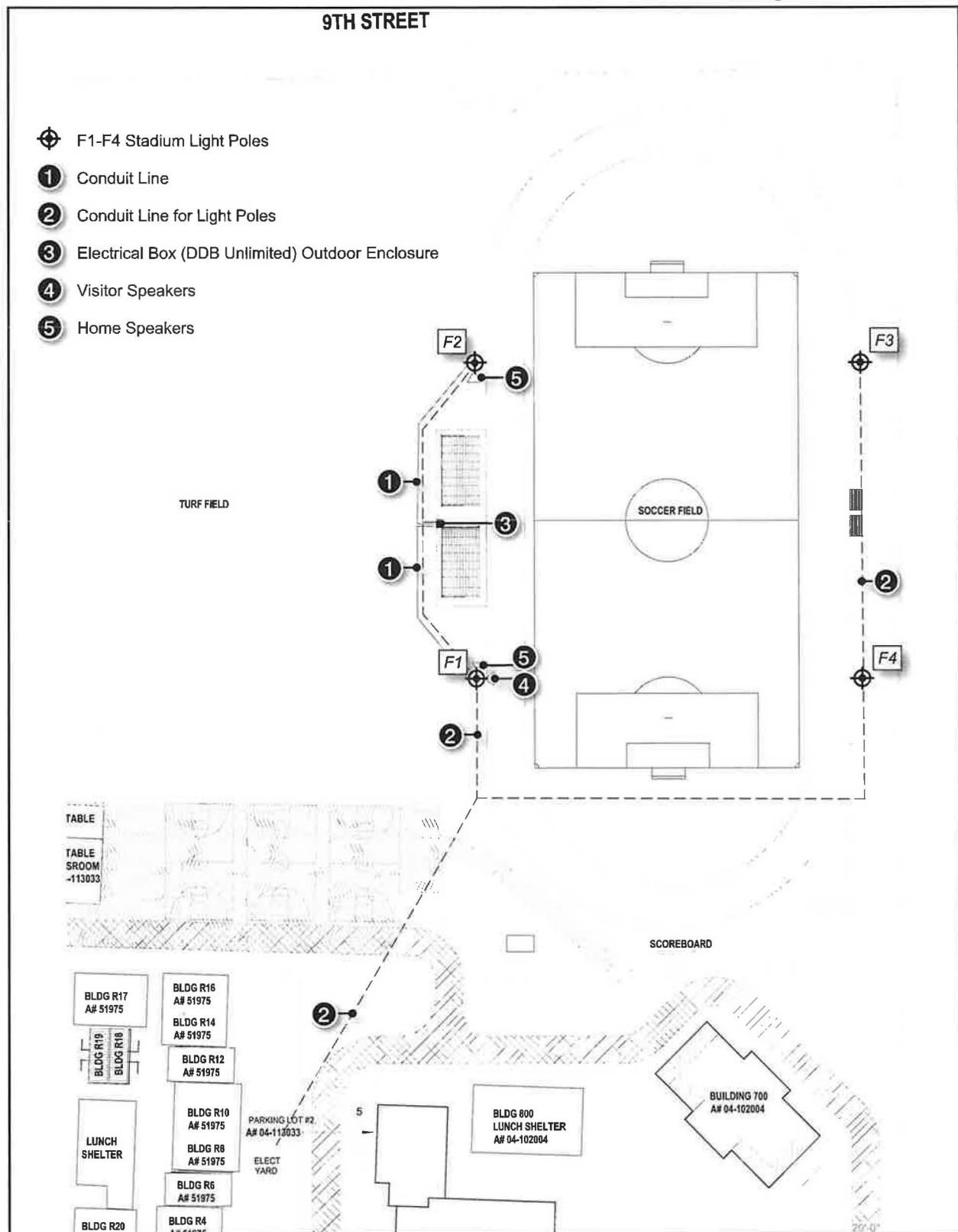
- School Campus
- Approximate Project Site Boundaries

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Scale (Feet)

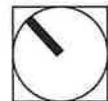


Source: Nearmap, Inc., 2023.

Figure 2 - Site Plan



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Scale (Feet)



Source: PBK, 2022.

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