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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION of a
DRAFT FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the
DEL MAR HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REBUILD PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the Del Mar Union School District is preparing a Focused Environmental Impact report for the proposed Del Mar Heights Elementary School Rebuild Project, as described below.

DATE: March 1, 2021

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: Del Mar Heights Elementary School Rebuild Project; SCH # 2020029070

LEAD AGENCY: Del Mar Union School District

PROJECT LOCATION: 13555 Boquita Dr in San Diego (APN 301-0500-700); cross street: Cordero Rd.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Del Mar Union School District (District) plans to fully redesign and reconstruct the Del Mar Heights School. The capacity will be reduced by one classroom (approximately 24 students), buildings will be limited to one story with low slope roofs, and access to the school will remain via Boquita Drive.

On May 12, 2020, the District approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the project. The approvals were challenged (*Save the Field v. Del Mar Union School District*, Case No. 37-2020-00020207-CU-TT-CTL) and the court ruled on December 22, 2020 that three issues required further assessment: 1) Assess the potential impact to Southern Maritime Chaparral habitat and any endangered plant species caused by proposed modification to stormwater outfall pipes. 2) Assess the potential impact of construction noise on adjacent residential sensitive receptors.

A third issue of potential traffic impacts caused by the proposed construction of new stairs and ADA ramp at the southern tip of the campus was resolved by the Board's removal of these components from the project at its meeting on January 19, 2021. At its meeting on February 11, 2021, the Board approved proceeding with the preparation of a Focused Environmental Impact Report to analyze the outstanding issues identified by the court. At its meeting on February 24, 2021, the Board vacated its Resolution No. 2020-13 certifying the Mitigated Negative Declaration and vacated the approval of the project.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: The purpose of this notice is to request input from the public and all affected agencies regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that needs to be included in the environmental impact report. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, please send your response at the earliest possible date but not later than March 30, 2021, at 5:00 pm. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency or organization.

Send Responses to: Del Mar Union School District
Catherine Birks, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: From **March 1, 2021**, to **March 30, 2021** by 5:00 pm.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The NOP and other supporting environmental documents are available for public review at the following locations:

- District Offices: 11232 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130. The NOD is available to the general public at the District's main office located at the address above. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, however, the records will also be available on the District's website at <https://www.dmusd.org/Page/8854>. In the event there are any difficulties accessing these documents, or questions regarding their availability, interested parties may contact the District's representative, Catherine Birks at cbirks@dmusd.org, 858-755-9301 x3671.
- On the District's website: <https://www.dmusd.org/Page/8854>