

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: Newport-Mesa Unified School District
2985 Bear Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Applicant: Newport-Mesa Unified School District

Subject: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

Costa Mesa High School Stadium Expansion Project
Project Title

<u>2025031277</u>	<u>Erica DiCioccio, Facilities Planning Coordinator, Facilities Development, Planning and Design</u>	<u>714.424.8993</u>
<i>State Clearinghouse Number</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Area Code/Telephone/Extension</i>

2650 Fairview Road Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Project Location

The District proposes to construct a new building, expand two existing buildings, install new permanent home and away bleachers, improve the existing track, improve the existing tennis courts, implement a new fire lane, and new landscaping (proposed project). The proposed project would occur in various areas throughout the Costa Mesa HS campus. Specifically, the project would be located on and adjacent to the existing Costa Mesa HS stadium and the existing tennis courts. The proposed project would not include changes to existing walkways or lighting.

The proposed project would allow for more seating for spectators for sports games and other school events. The proposed project would also enhance the usability of the tennis courts for athletes and spectators, add new athletic and school facilities for the staff and students, and enhance safety with the implementation of a new fire access lane. The proposed project would also include new baseball backstop netting to the baseball fields north of the stadium. The proposed project would not increase the existing student capacity at Costa Mesa HS and would accommodate existing athletic and school-supporting events and pro-grams.

The construction of the proposed project would occur in one phase. Construction is anticipated to last approximately 12 months, beginning in summer 2025 and ending in summer 2026.

Project Description

This is to advise that the Newport-Mesa Unified School District has approved the above described
(☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

project on May 20, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:
(Date)

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☐ were ☒ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final IS/MND with comments and responses and the record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Newport-Mesa Unified School District, 2985 Bear Street, Building E, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Newport-Mesa Unified School District website: <https://web.nmusd.us/departments/business-services/facilities/current-construction-projects>

Date received for filing and posting at OPR:

5/22/25



Signature (Public Agency)

Facilities Planning Coordinator

Title