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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project: Paradise High School Development at 1023 Elliot Road Project
Lead Agency: Paradise Unified School District
Applicant: Paradise Unified School District
Review Period: August 5, 2025 to September 3, 2025 (30 days)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Paradise Unified School District (District) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Paradise High School Development at 1023 Elliot Road Project (proposed project). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15050, the Paradise Unified School District is the lead agency for the proposed project. The purpose of this notice is to (1) serve as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt the IS/MND and (2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the IS/MND.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Paradise High School campus (Paradise HS or campus) is at 5911 Maxwell Drive in the Town of Paradise, Butte County. The Town of Paradise is approximately 13 miles west of the City of Chico. The project site would include one 1.58-acre parcel at 1023 Elliott Road (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 053-110-070), located approximately 500 feet east of the Paradise HS campus (project site). The project site is bounded by Elliot Road to the south, residential properties to the north and west, and vacant land to the east. The project site is approximately 6 miles west of State Route 70 (SR-70), approximately 6.6 miles east of SR-32, and approximately 9.5 miles north of SR-99.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would occur on a 1.58-acre parcel located at 1023 Elliot Road, approximately 500 feet east of the Paradise HS campus. The proposed project would expand the Paradise High School campus, and would include a new livestock farming area and a 1,728-square-foot (sf) barn for the agricultural education program for Paradise HS students. As part of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program, students would raise livestock which would include pigs only, keeping the pens clean, and ensuring the health of the livestock.

The proposed barn building would include eight stalls for livestock and an accessible walk pathway that would run through the middle of the barn and lead to the outside. The proposed project would connect to existing underground utilities. No mechanical equipment, including HVAC, compressor, or farm equipment, would be located at the project site, nor would any diesel-powered equipment be required during operation. The proposed project would be exclusively used by the Paradise HS agricultural program and would serve the existing students of the high school. Student capacity at Paradise HS would not increase as a result of the proposed project, and no other uses are proposed. Operation of the proposed project would occur during school hours, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 3:25 p.m., and the District would implement an odor management plan to minimize any odors that would result from the operation of the proposed project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: August 5, 2025 to September 3, 2025

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Responsible public agencies, trustee agencies, organizations, and members of the public are invited to review and comment on the IS/MND. Your complete and detailed response should be sent at the

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earliest possible date, but not later than 5:00 pm on **September 3, 2025**. Please include the name, phone number, and email address of a contact person in all responses submitted. There will be no consideration of or responses to untimely comments.

Please send your response to the IS/MND in writing, with the subject heading **Paradise High School Development at 1023 Elliot Road Project**, to:

Mail: David E. McCready, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Paradise Unified School District
6696 Clark Road
Paradise, CA 95969

Email: dmccready@pusdk12.org

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: An IS was prepared for the proposed project and concluded that there will be less than significant impacts on the environment with the incorporation of mitigation measures; an MND has therefore been prepared. Possible impacts on Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, and Tribal Cultural Resources were identified in the IS and will be mitigated to a less than significant level.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS/MND and NOI for the proposed project are available for public review at the following locations (physical locations during normal business hours):

- **Paradise Unified School District:** 6696 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969
- **Paradise High School:** 5911 Maxwell Dr. Paradise, CA 95969
- **District website:** <https://www.pusdk12.org/Departments/District-Services/Maintenance--Operations/index.html>

If you require additional information, please contact David E. McCready at (530) 872-6400.

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