



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project: Sonora High School Math & Science Classroom Building Modernization and Field Improvements Project

Lead Agency: Fullerton Joint Union High School District

Review Period: March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026 (30 days)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Fullerton Joint Union High School District (District) has prepared an Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Sonora High School Math & Science Classroom Building Modernization and Field Improvements Project (proposed project) to address the potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the proposed project. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15050, the District is the lead agency for the project. The purpose of this notice is to 1) serve as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt an IS/MND and 2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the IS/MND.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: The District invites you to comment on the IS/MND. The IS/MND will be available for a 30-day public review from **March 30, 2026**, to **April 29, 2026**. We ask that any person wishing to comment on the IS/MND provide written comments by the end of the public review period at 5:00 p.m., **April 29, 2026**.

Copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the following locations:

Fullerton Joint Union High School District
District Service Center
1027 South Leslie Street
La Habra, California 90631

The document can also be accessed online at: <https://www.fjuhsd.org/publicnotices>

You may send comments by email or mail to the addresses below:

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PROJECT LOCATION: Sonora High School (SOHS and campus) is located at 401 S Palm Street (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APN] 296-021-01 and 296-402-13) in the northern portion of the city of La Habra, California. The proposed project would be developed within approximately 18.25 acres of the campus. See Figure 1, *Regional Location*, and Figure 2, *Aerial Photograph*.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes two primary components: (1) modernization of the northern half of the existing Math and Science Classroom Building (building 400) and (2) track and field improvements.

The proposed project would demolish exterior building elements, such as pavers, a bench, and an irrigation line. The project would also demolish interior elements of building 400, including, but not limited to, flooring, electrical elements, interior walls, casework (desk/cabinets), doors and door frames, and heating, venting, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. The proposed project would replace the doors, plumbing, fire alarm system, fume hoods, roofing, and HVAC systems; construct a new roof deck, roof hatch, floor sinks, and epoxy countertops and sinks; and install new flooring, lab casework, and metal casework for flammable and acid storage, and the exterior would be repainted. The proposed project would reconfigure the classroom spaces to include two biology classrooms and two chemistry classrooms. The proposed project would result in net decrease in classrooms from six to four within the improved area of the Math and Science wing in building 400. The modernization would maintain the existing building 400 footprint. See Figure 3, *Proposed Project Site Plan*.

To accommodate improvements to the track and field, the proposed project would involve demolition of existing features, including the retaining wall, storage building, concrete slabs, curbs, and ramp, as well as track and field equipment such as goal posts, obstacle course elements, long jump and shot put areas, storage containers, a vehicle barrier, a storm drain inlet, one tree, and existing bleachers, stairs, and fencing. The District would construct a new, single-story, 2,615-square-foot restroom building and install upgraded athletic facilities. The proposed project would include paving the track with a synthetic surface, installing synthetic turf on the field, and constructing a new triple jump/long jump area with a sand pit and catcher. Permanent bleachers with a capacity of 1,464 seats—a net increase of 934 seats—would be added along with pedestrian lighting, a new fire hydrant, and a 24-foot scoreboard on the west side of the field. Additional features would include four golf bays, a putting green, a shot put and discus area, a high jump area, and a public address (PA) system mounted approximately 20 feet above grade on the field lights. The proposed project would install 24 field lights (light fixtures and poles) at the baseball and softball fields, track and field, and existing animal grazing area.

As part of the proposed project, the District would also convert a 42,146-square-foot portion of the existing animal grazing area into an auxiliary field. Improvements would include installation of new sod and irrigation, a 6-inch concrete curb, field striping, and field lighting.

The proposed project would construct a new concrete walkway around the track, bleachers, and a ramp with railing at the south end. No off-site improvements are proposed. Landscaping with shrubs, trees, and irrigation, would be installed in the northwestern, western, southwestern, and eastern perimeters of the proposed new track and field. A putting green with artificial turf would be added west of the track and field. Additionally, an approximately 16,000-square-foot bioretention area consisting of grasses and boulders would be installed on the western perimeter of the track and field; see Figure 4, *Bioretention Area*. Chain-link fencing and ornamental gates would enclose the track and field, and the auxiliary field would have a 6-foot-tall chain-link fence with an 8-foot-wide double pedestrian gate. Continuous cattle fencing would surround the agricultural livestock area, connecting to existing fencing, and a 4-foot-wide pedestrian gate would provide access between the auxiliary field and livestock area. Additionally, the project would replace a small

portion of the existing wrought-iron picket fence and ADA compliant pedestrian gate at the campus entrance south of the gymnasium would be installed.

Following installation of field lighting, the proposed project would introduce evening practices between 3:30 pm and 9:00 pm for four sports—softball, football, soccer, and flag football— and other activities; these practices would not include spectators. The project would also allow for periodic schoolwide assemblies at the track and field during regular school hours with the addition of new bleachers. No other operational changes are proposed—there would be no increase in participants, spectators, or events, and no changes to school hours or seasons. Construction would occur in a single phase, anticipated to begin in March 2027 and conclude in July 2027.

The discretionary actions and approvals required for project implementation are 1) project approval by the District, 2) the adoption of the MND, and 3) the adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

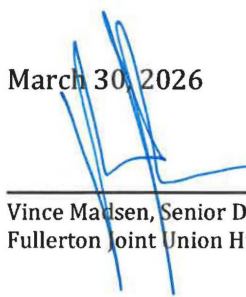
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The District has prepared an IS to determine the proposed project's potential impact on the environment. The District has determined that the proposed project may have significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and tribal cultural resources but, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the proposed project's impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels. Accordingly, the District intends to adopt an IS/MND.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the Notice of Intent to disclose whether the site on which a proposed project is located is included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, regarding hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, or hazardous waste disposal sites.

Applicant: Fullerton Joint Union High School District
Lead Agency: Fullerton Joint Union High School District
Consulting Firm: PlaceWorks

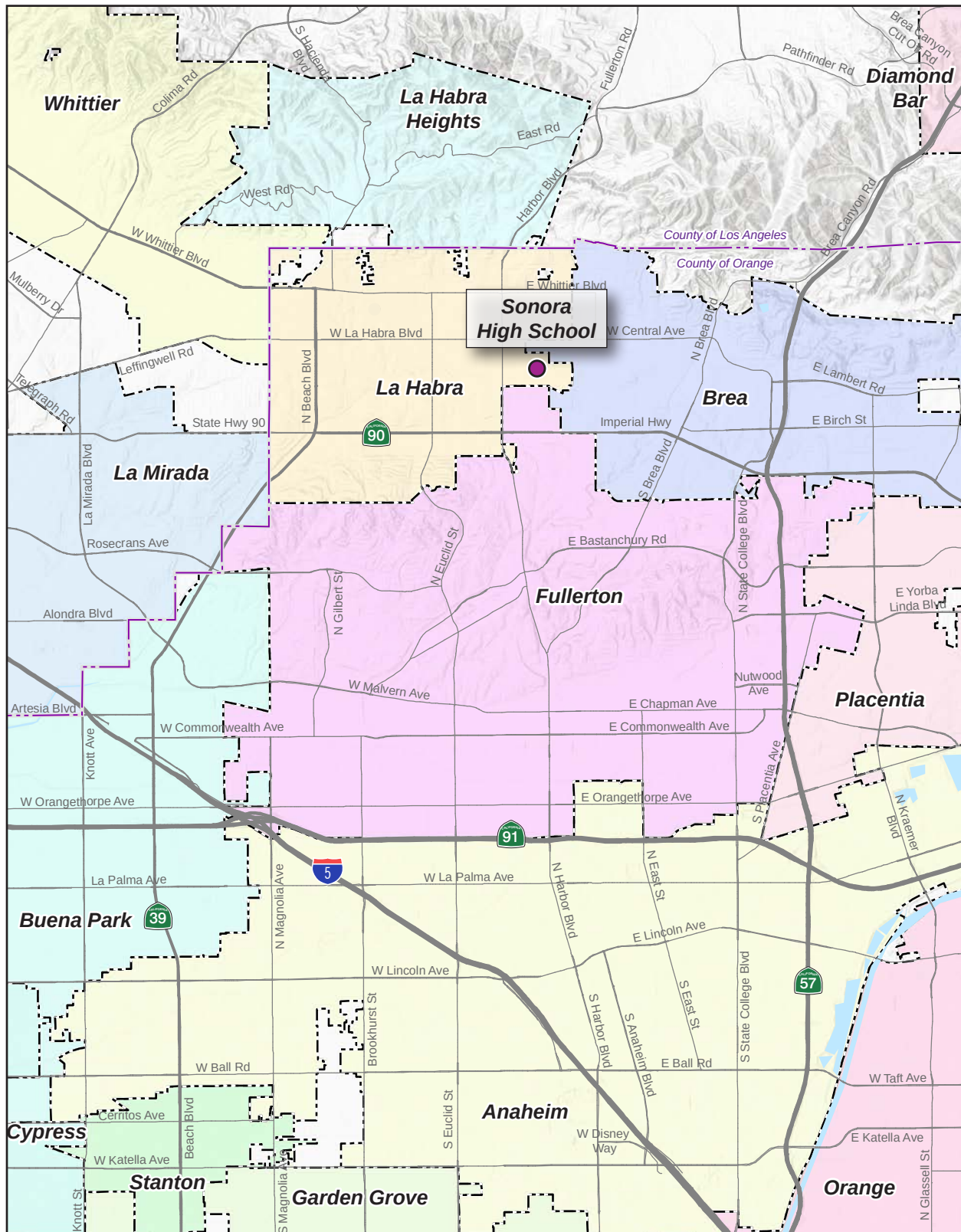
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Signature:



Vince Madsen, Senior Director of Facilities, M&O and Transportation
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Figure 1 - Regional Location



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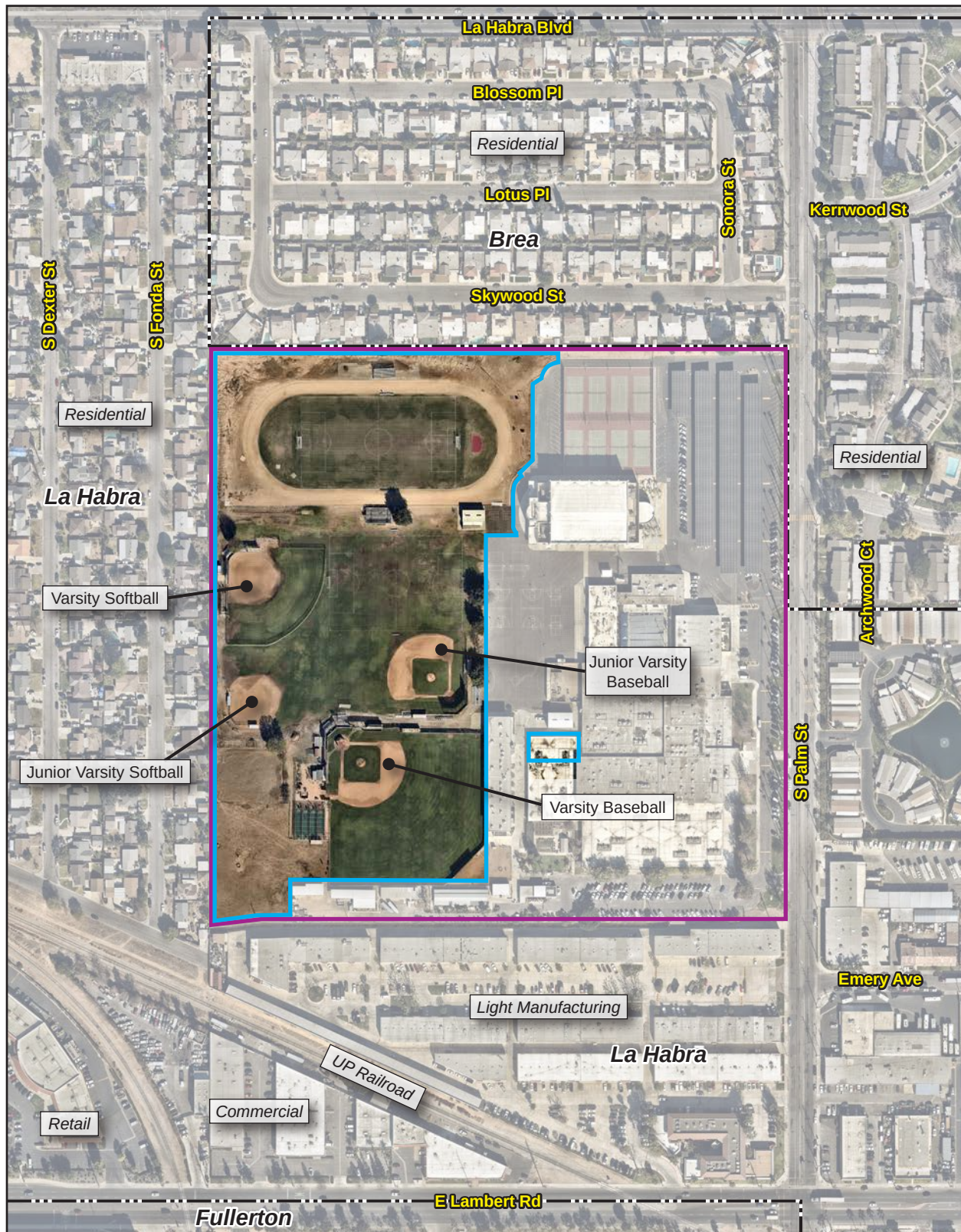
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Source: Nearmap 2025.

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Figure 2 - Aerial Photograph

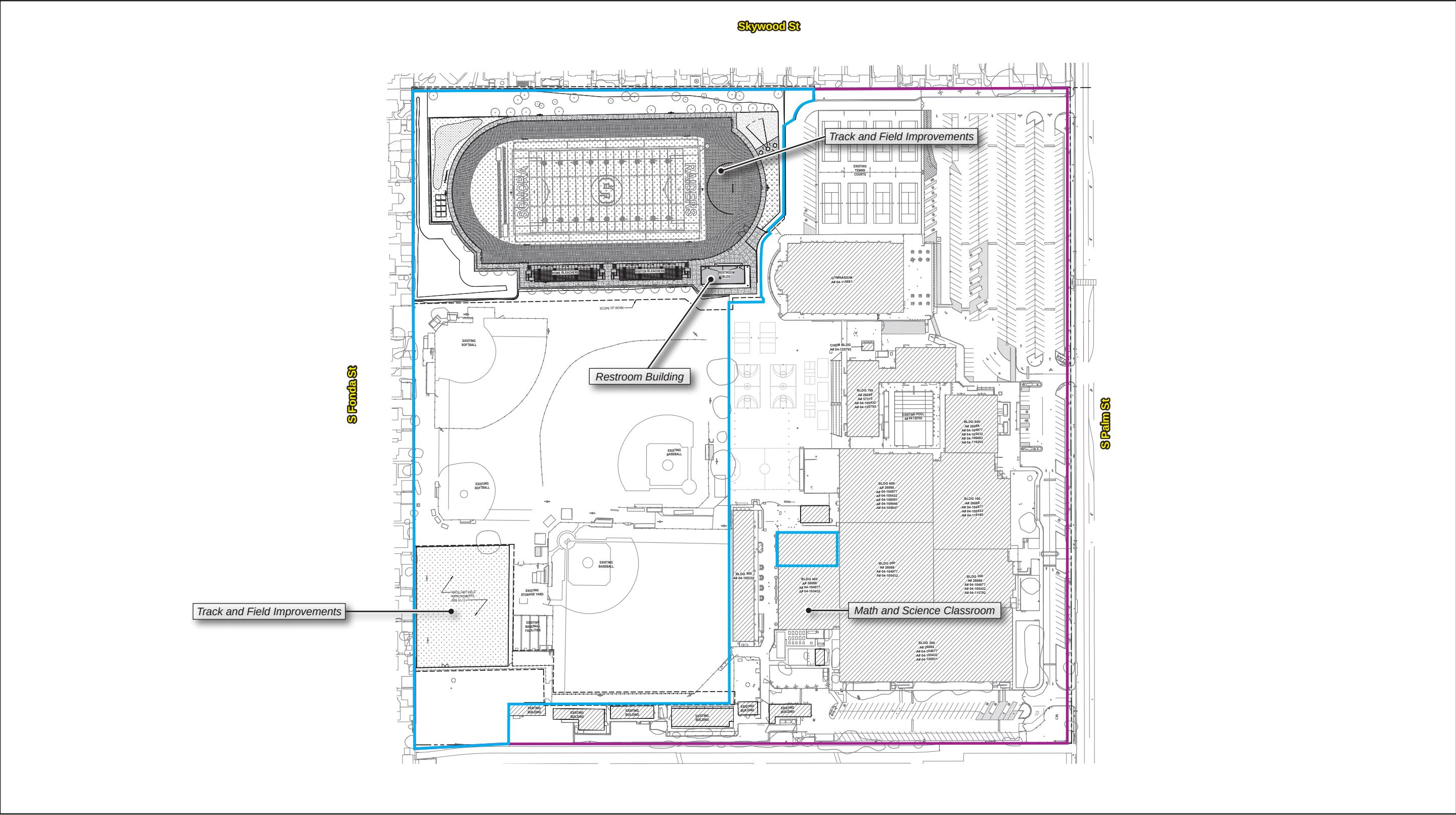


— Sonora High School Boundary
— Project Boundary
--- City Boundary
 Source: Nearmap 2025.

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 Scale (Feet)



Figure 3 - Proposed Project Site Plan



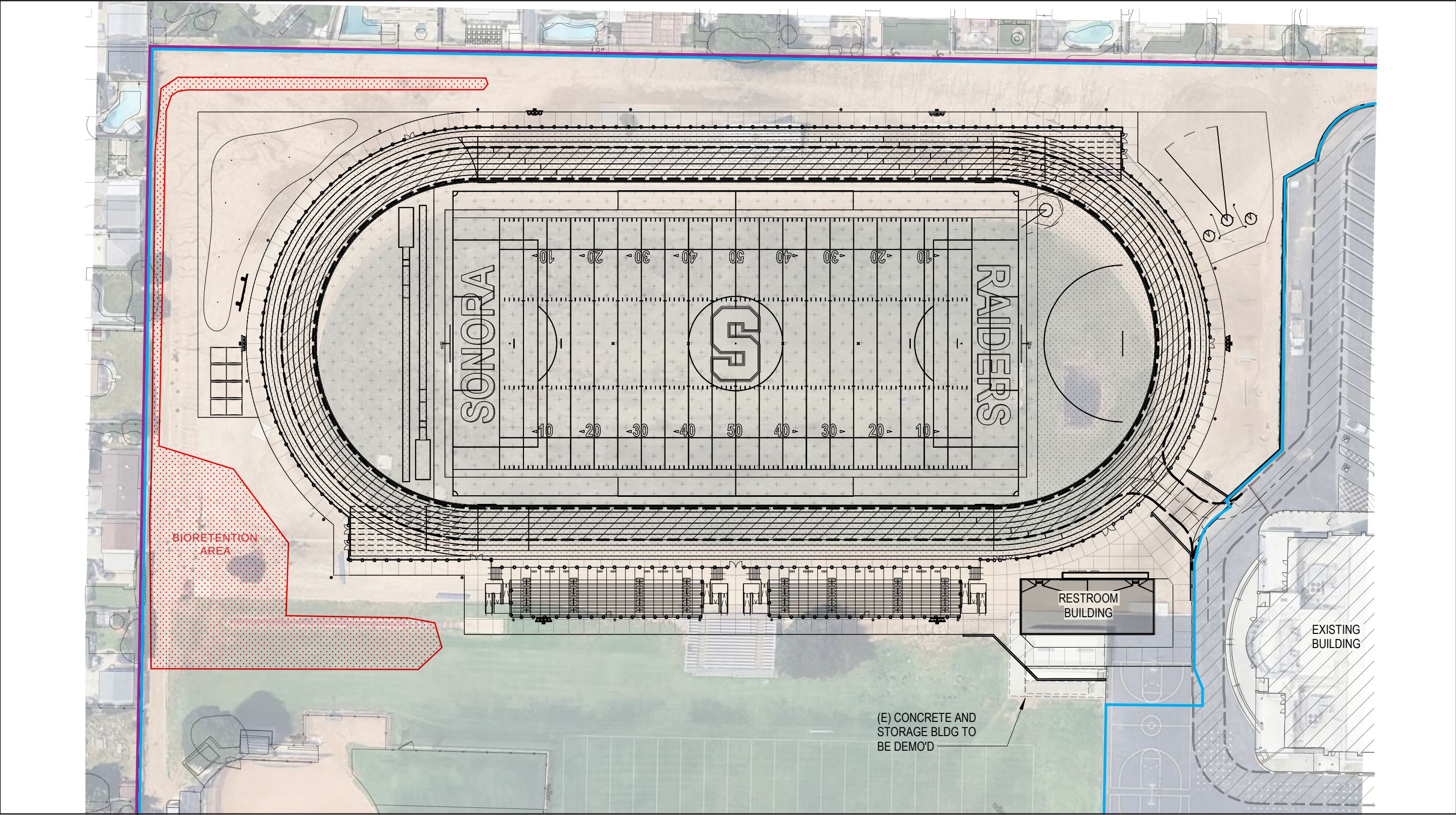
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Source: sgh 2025.

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Figure 4 - Bioretention Area



— Sonora High School Boundary
— Project Boundary
Bioretention Area

Source: sgh 2025.

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Scale (Feet)

