



SAN LORENZO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Project Title: SAN LORENZO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS

Project Location: The San Lorenzo Valley Tri-Campus campus is located at 7105 State Route 9 in the Town of Felton, California. The project site consists of the existing football field, two softball fields, and one baseball field

Project Sponsor: San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District

Project Description: The project would include the installation and operation of field lights and an upgraded PA system at the SLV football, softball, and baseball fields. Additionally, the project would replace the aging bleachers for all three fields, demolish the existing restroom and snack shack to construct a new restroom and snack shack between the softball and baseball fields, and construct two press boxes attached to the softball and baseball bleachers. The field lights would provide safe and flexible nighttime use of the fields for various sporting and marching band activities, including practices and games. The field lights would also allow for evening special events, such as commencement exercises. A select number of nighttime events would include the use of the PA system. The PA system will also be used for sporting events, marching band, and school activities during daytime hours.

DETERMINATION

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District has completed an Initial Study to determine whether the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. On the basis of that study, the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District makes the following determination:

Although the project, as proposed, could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because mitigation measures are included in the project which will reduce all identified potential impacts to less than significant levels, and, therefore, this **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)** has been prepared.

CONDITIONS (MITIGATION MEASURES)

Biological Resources:

MM BIO-1.1: To the extent feasible, demolitions and construction activities shall be scheduled between September 1st and January 31st in order to avoid the nesting season.

If this is not practical, a qualified biologist shall conduct pre-activity surveys for nesting birds. Nesting bird surveys shall be conducted no more than seven days prior to onset of any ground disturbance or vegetation removal at the project site. If active bird nests are observed by the biologist within the areas to be disturbed, the biologist shall determine an appropriate buffer around the nest where demolition or grading activity shall be postponed until the biologist determines all young have fledged the nest (typically 300 feet for raptors and 100 feet for other species) to ensure that no nests of species protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code are disturbed during project implementation. If it is not practical to set a buffer zone, then work in the vicinity of the active bird nest (e.g., 50 feet for passerines, up to 200 feet for raptors), shall be postponed until the biologist determines that all young have fledged the nest and that construction will not result in death or injury to nestlings.

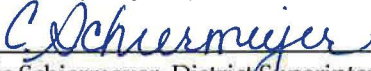
FINDING

The San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District hereby finds that the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment; however, there would not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measure stated above and described in the Initial Study is included in the project which will reduce all identified potential impacts to less than significant levels.

LEAD AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

Chris Schiermeyer's signature provided below

Date of signature provided below


Chris Schiermeyer, District Superintendent

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Date

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