

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CASA BLANCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability for State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2018101073 Draft Focused Environmental Impact Report (Draft Focused EIR) for the Casa Blanca Elementary School project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 7351 Lincoln Avenue in the City of Riverside, County of Riverside, California. The project site was formerly occupied by the KPRO 1570 AM transmitter building and antenna system. The site is currently vacant and no structures are present onsite.

PURPOSE OF THE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: The purpose of this Notice of Availability (NOA) is to fulfill legal notification requirements, and inform the public and CEQA Responsible and Trustee Agencies that a Draft Focused EIR is available for public review and comment. This NOA solicits agency, organizations and interested party concerns on the Draft Focused EIR regarding the potential environmental effects of implementing the proposed uses at the project location.

NOA COMMENT PERIOD: Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) invites you to submit written comments describing your specific environmental concerns on SCH No. 2018101073. RUSD has been approved by the SCH for a shortened review period under CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(d)(3) and Public Resources Code Section 21091 for a 30-day review period. The NOA public comment period begins on **March 27, 2019** and ends on **April 25, 2019** by 4:00 PM. Written comments are desired at the earliest possible date, but due to the time limits mandated by State law, your comments must be received no later than **April 25, 2019** by 4:00 PM. Please send your written comments to the RUSD staff contact identified below and please include your name, address, and contact information in your correspondence.

CEQA LEAD AGENCY:

Agency: Riverside Unified School District, Facilities Planning and Development Department

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PROJECT APPLICANT: Riverside Unified School District

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project consists of a 1-story 11,000-square-foot multi-purpose/food service building, a 1-story 6,500-square-foot administration building, a 2-story 83,000-square-foot classroom, and a library and kindergarten building with a capacity to serve up to 800 students. In addition to the main buildings, the site proposes to include outdoor recreation space that consists of a 13,500-square-foot kindergarten playground, 29,500-square-foot quad and courtyard, 36,800-square-foot hardcourts, 143,500-square-foot playfields (baseball, basketball, and soccer fields), a 4,000-square-foot outdoor Science Grow Lab, and associated landscaping totaling 240,870 square feet. There are three proposed parking lots including a staff parking lot, kindergarten parking lot, and visitor lot.

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: RUSD has determined that the proposed project would require the preparation of a Draft Focused EIR. RUSD issued an Initial Study and Notice of Preparation (IS/NOP) for the proposed project on October 24, 2018, which circulated between October 24, 2018, and November 23, 2018, for the statutory 30-day public review period. The scope of this Draft Focused EIR includes the potential environmental impacts identified in the IS/NOP, and issues raised by agencies and the public in response to the IS/NOP. Potentially significant environmental effects that have been evaluated in the Draft Focused EIR include:

Air Quality
Biological Resources
Cultural and Tribal Resources

Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Hydrology/Water Quality
Land Use & Planning

Noise
Public Services
Transportation & Traffic

AVAILABILITY: Copies of the Draft Focused EIR are available for public review at the following locations (and online at http://www.riversideunified.org/departments/operations_division/facilities_planning_development):

In addition, the Draft Focused EIR is available at the following locations:

Riverside Unified School District
3070 Washington Street
Riverside, CA 92504

Riverside Unified School District
3380 14th Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Agencies, organizations, and interested parties have the opportunity to comment on the Draft Focused EIR during the 30-day public review period. As explained above RUSD requested a shortened 30-day public review period under CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(d)(3) and Public Resources Code Section 21091 .