



Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Scoping Meeting Notification for the Proposed North School Reconstruction Project

Hermosa Beach City School District (District) will initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed North School Reconstruction project (Proposed Project) as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and set forth in Public Resources Code §§21000 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3 §§15000 et seq. The District is the Lead Agency under CEQA and will prepare a Draft EIR for the project.

The Draft EIR will describe the project need, goals, and objectives; baseline environmental conditions in the project study area; and the potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the proposed project. Alternatives to the proposed project and the potential effects of those alternatives will also be described and analyzed in the Draft EIR.

Project Location: The project site includes the former North School campus at 417 25th Street in the City of Hermosa Beach, Los Angeles County, California (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 4182-028-900) and an approximately 0.8-acre portion of APN 4182-029-902, 0.5-acre of which is vegetated slope.

Proposed Project: The project is the reconstruction of the North School property and entails demolishing the existing structures onsite, extending the site footprint eastward over an approximately 0.5-acre vegetated slope, construction of new school facilities, and reopening the property to accommodate a maximum enrollment capacity of 510 students. A surface parking lot would be developed in the western portion of the campus. A classroom building is proposed along 25th Street, and a multipurpose building is proposed along 26th Street near Morningside Drive. Construction is proposed to begin July 2017 and end August 2019.

Potential Environmental Effects to be Evaluated in the Draft EIR: Potential environmental effects anticipated to be evaluated in the Draft EIR include: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards / hazardous materials, hydrology / water quality, land use/planning, noise, public services, transportation / traffic, tribal cultural resources, and utilities / service systems. Mitigation measures will be provided as required.

Comments on the Notice of Preparation: Written comments on the NOP and on the contents of the forthcoming Draft EIR must be submitted by March 13, 2017 and mailed to: Angela Martin Jones, Business Manager, Hermosa Beach City School District, 1645 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254; or e-mailed to: ajones@hbcsd.org.

Document Availability: Copies of the NOP and Initial Study are available for public review at the following locations:

- Hermosa Beach City School District: 425 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach
- Hermosa Valley School: 1645 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach
- Hermosa View School: 1800 Prospect Avenue, Hermosa Beach
- Hermosa Beach Library: 550 Pier Avenue, Hermosa Beach
- Hermosa Beach City Hall: 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach
- District website: <http://www.hbcsd.org/>

Public Scoping Meeting: The District will hold a public scoping meeting on **March 1, 2017**, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers at 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California 92054. Written comments regarding the scope and content of the