



## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

for the

### CLAIREMONT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES PROJECT AND WHOLE SITE MODERNIZATION PROJECT

September 25, 2015

The San Diego Unified School District (district) is the lead agency requesting input regarding the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to analyze the impacts of increased use of the recently constructed Clairemont High School Athletic Facilities Project and the proposed construction of a Whole Site Modernization (WSM) Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Notice of Preparation (NOP) serves to solicit input as to the scope and content of the draft EIR for the upgraded athletic facilities and WSM on the existing Clairemont High School campus.

**Project Title: Clairemont High School Athletic Facilities and Whole Site Modernization Project**

**Project Applicant: San Diego Unified School District**

**Project Description:** In 2012, the district completed an Athletic Facilities Upgrade Project on the Clairemont High School campus that included the installation of stadium lights to allow for the use of the facility in the evening hours. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)/Initial Study (IS) (SCH No. 2010051085) for this project was adopted by the Board of Education on August 3, 2010. The MND limited the usage of the facility. Therefore, the EIR will analyze a proposed increase in the use of the facility.

The proposed WSM includes the demolition and replacement of five existing portable classroom buildings and the construction of a new doublewide portable building for the Physical Education (PE) program; construction of a new 5-foot-wide sidewalk from the PE portable building to the football field; a remodel of the Special Education building (Building 400); interior upgrades to the theatre building (Building 500); interior upgrades to the cafeteria; a new prefabricated metal maintenance building; various safety and security improvements; the installation of 16 20-foot solar-powered, LED, timer activated light poles within the parking lot on Ute Drive; and several minor interior improvements within existing buildings on campus.

**Project Location:** The project site is located in the Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Area of the City of San Diego at 4150 Ute Drive, San Diego, CA 92117. The site is bound by Balboa Avenue, single and multi-family residential, and a church to the north; Modoc Street, single-family residential, and commercial to the east; Ute Drive, single and multi-family residential, and open space canyon to the south; and single-family residential and open space canyon to the west. The project site has a general plan designation of "existing school site" and is zoned "residential" (RS-1-7). Please see: <https://www.sandiegounified.org/environmental-reviewsstudies> and the attached Figure 1 – Project Location.

**Probable Environmental Effects:** A previous MND/IS was prepared for the Clairemont High School Athletic Facilities Upgrades Project and was adopted by the Board of Education on August 3, 2010. The purpose of this EIR is to conduct additional analysis of project-related lighting, noise, and traffic/parking impacts in the vicinity of the Clairemont High School campus as a result of increasing the use of the facility, as well as any potential impacts associated with the WSM, such as hazards/hazardous materials. The district has determined that an EIR will be prepared for this analysis. An initial study has not been prepared (CEQA Guidelines §15063[a]); however, the previous MND/IS will be relied upon to address all other environmental issue areas. Probable environmental impacts that will be analyzed as part of the EIR include hazards/hazardous materials, lighting, noise, and traffic/parking.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b), your comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental analysis must be submitted no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. The public review period is from September 25, 2015, to October 26, 2015. Please send your comments directly to: Erich Lathers, Principal-in-Charge, BRG Consulting, Inc., 304 Ivy Street, San Diego, CA 92101-2030, or via email to: [erich@brginc.net](mailto:erich@brginc.net).

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