

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, FINDINGS,
ADOPTION OF MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM AND
STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF
THE SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS PLAN PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the District created the Santa Monica High School Campus Plan Project (“Proposed Project”), which would be phased over a 25-year planning horizon and implemented in nine phases consisting of demolition of approximately 272,763 square feet of classrooms, 74,738 square feet of renovations, and construction of approximately 478,938 square feet of new buildings and 621,642 square feet of new athletic fields and parking structures. The finished campus will have approximately 1,448,081 square feet of new classrooms, parking structures, fields, and support facilities;

WHEREAS, the District engaged Michael Baker International and Placeworks (“Environmental Consultants”) to conduct environmental review of the Proposed Project;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Consultants analyzed and determined that the Proposed Project may potentially create a significant or cumulatively considerable environmental impact and that the appropriate environmental document would be an Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”);

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2017, the District issued a Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR and the Proposed Project’s Initial Study for public review and comment. The comment period ended on November 27, 2017. Five (5) comment letters/emails were received that raised concerns with cultural and tribal resources, disturbance of the neighborhood and students, traffic congestion, motorist safety, noise and vibration from band activities at the football field, and a request to evaluate an alternative location.

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2017, District staff held a public scoping meeting on the Proposed Project and Draft EIR. No one attended the meeting. The Environmental Consultants and District staff considered all of these comments in preparing the Proposed Project’s Draft EIR;

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2018, the District issued a Notice of Availability of a Draft EIR and the Proposed Project’s Draft EIR for public review and comment. The Notice of Availability was also published on the District’s website, in a local newspaper, and directly mailed to each commenter on the Initial Study and affected public agencies. The Draft EIR was made available on the District’s website and at the District’s Offices, Samohi Library, and at the Santa Monica Main Library. The comment period for the Draft EIR ended on January 16, 2019 (a total of 47 days). Comments on the Draft EIR were only received from the Caltrans, Department of Toxic Substances Control, Metro, and the Office of Planning and Research;

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2018, District staff conducted a community presentation on the Proposed Project and the Draft EIR. No members of the public or any representatives of a public entity attended; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2019, proposed Responses to Comments were delivered to Caltrans, Department of Toxic Substances Control, Metro, and the Office of Planning and Research.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education ("Board") hereby finds as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. None of the comments identified a new significant or cumulatively considerable environmental impact, an increase in the severity of a significant or cumulatively considerable environmental impact, a feasible alternative to the Proposed Project or mitigation measure considerably different from others previously analyzed that would clearly lessen a significant environmental impact, or a feasible way to mitigate the two unavoidable significant impacts that the Proposed Project may cause. Further, the new information contained in the Final EIR merely clarifies or amplifies and makes insignificant changes to the Draft EIR. Accordingly, the Draft EIR is adequate and need not be recirculated for additional public review and comment.
3. The proposed Final EIR, which contains the Comments and Responses to Comments, is attached as Exhibit 1, complies with CEQA.
4. The proposed Findings prepared by the Environmental Consultants, attached as Exhibit 2, are the findings of this Board.
5. The Proposed Project would cause three temporary unavoidable significant impacts to air quality during the course of construction, one cumulatively considerable and unavoidable impact to cultural resources during the course of construction, and one cumulative considerable and unavoidable impact on tribal cultural resources during construction. Although Mitigation Measures AQ-1, CUL-4, CUL-7, and TCR-1 through TCR-3 would be implemented to lessen these impacts, there are no other feasible mitigation measures available to reduce these impacts to less significant impacts; therefore, a proposed Statement of Overriding Considerations prepared by the Environmental Consultants (included in Exhibit 2, Section 9) is the Board's Statement of Overriding Considerations. The Proposed Project will provide many generations of students with a safe and secure facilities that maximize their learning environment. This long-term social benefit outweighs the temporary air quality impact from construction of the Proposed Project and the impacts to cultural and tribal resources.
6. The proposed Mitigation Monitoring Program ("MMP"), attached as Exhibit 3, includes feasible mitigation measures that will mitigate those identified significant or cumulatively considerable impacts to less than significant.
7. A reasonable range of Proposed Project alternatives is evaluated in the Final EIR.
8. The Draft EIR, Final EIR, Responses to Comments, MMP, Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, the Board Item, all referenced documents, the whole of the record of proceedings, and this Resolution have been independently reviewed and considered by the Board and they wholly reflect the Board's independent judgment and analysis.
9. The requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Proposed Project.
10. The Chief Operations Officer, Carey Upton is the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based. The record of proceedings shall be maintained at the District's Offices located at 1651 Sixteenth Street, Santa Monica, California 90404.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that:

1. The Proposed Project's Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA;
2. The Final EIR was presented to the Board and that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to approving the Proposed Project; and
3. The Final EIR reflects the Board's independent judgment and analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts:

1. The proposed Final EIR (Exhibit 1)
2. The proposed Findings of Fact/Statement of Overriding Considerations (Exhibit 2, Section 9); and
3. The proposed MMP (Exhibit 3).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the Proposed Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County at its regularly scheduled meeting held on this 7th day of February 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, President
Board of Education

I, Dr. Ben Drati, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, do certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board of Education at its regularly scheduled board meeting held on this day of February 7, 2019.

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent
Santa Monica-Malibu
Unified School District