

Solana Vista Elementary School Reconstruction Project

Board Meeting

May 23, 2019



Meeting Agenda

- ▶ California Environmental Quality Act
- ▶ Proposed Project
- ▶ Findings of Initial Environmental Review
- ▶ Public Comments

What is CEQA?

California Environmental Quality Act

Required for a “project” that may result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment

(CEQA Guidelines §15378)

What is CEQA (cont.)

- ▶ Informs decision makers and public on the proposed project and its impacts on the physical environment
- ▶ Provides an opportunity for the public and local/state agencies to comment on the environmental impacts
- ▶ Identifies feasible ways to avoid or reduce potentially significant environmental damage
- ▶ Discloses significant and unavoidable impacts

Limitations of CEQA

- ▶ Unable to Fix Existing Environmental Issues
- ▶ Only Evaluates Impacts of the Project
- ▶ Can Only Modify a Project if Significant Impacts are Discovered

Project Overview

- Project Size: approx. 10 acres
- Reconstruction
 - Building Replacement
 - Addition of 19 Parking Stalls
 - Improve Drop-off/Pick-up Zones
 - Improve On-Site Circulation
 - Reduction in School size by two classrooms
 - Construction Schedule
 - Construction Commences - June 2020
 - Ready for Student Occupancy - August 2021
 - Multi-Purpose Building. Student Service Kitchen, and Fields - Fall/Winter 2021
- Proposed Temporary Project Elements
 - K-2 Students to be transported to Solana Highlands for the 2020-21 School Year (3rd)
 - Third Grade to attend Skyline School 2020-21 School Year

Aerial View



----- Project Site



Source: Google Earth, 2016

Site Plan



Types of Impacts

- ▶ **No Impact**

No environmental impact found

- ▶ **Less Than Significant Impact**

Impact that does not exceed the CEQA defined thresholds of significance; no mitigation required

- ▶ **Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated**

Impact that may exceed the CEQA established thresholds of significance; but can be mitigated to a level of less than significant.

Environmental Issues Considered in Initial Study

- ▶ Aesthetics
- ▶ Agriculture / Forestry Resources
- ▶ Air Quality
- ▶ Biological Resources
- ▶ Cultural Resources
- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Geology / Soils
- ▶ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ▶ Hazards / Haz. Materials
- ▶ Hydrology / Water Quality
- ▶ Land Use / Planning
- ▶ Mineral Resources
- ▶ Noise
- ▶ Population / Housing
- ▶ Public Services
- ▶ Recreation
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Tribal Cultural Resources
- ▶ Utilities / Service Systems
- ▶ Wildfire

Environmental Issues With Mitigation in Initial Study

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Example Mitigation Measures

- ▶ Monitoring for cultural resources
- ▶ Monitoring for paleontological resources
- ▶ Monitoring for Tribal resources
- ▶ Follow recommendations of soil engineer

Traffic Study Area

Based on the calculated project trip generation and distribution, the following intersections and roadway segments were selected for analysis:

Intersections

- ▶ 1. Santa Carina & Santa Victoria
- ▶ 2. Santa Cecelia & Santa Victoria
- ▶ 3. Santa Bartola & Santa Victoria

Roadway Segment

- ▶ Santa Victoria from Santa Carina to Santa Helena

Results of Traffic Analysis

- ▶ The project does not significantly impact any of the study intersections or roadway segment.
- ▶ The study intersections and roadway segment, operate acceptably for Existing Year (2018) and Opening Year (2021) with Project scenarios.
- ▶ With no significant environmental impacts, there are no mitigation measures.
- ▶ The project will accommodate the existing vehicle queue.

Process

- ▶ Administrative Draft Underway
- ▶ Public Draft June 1, 2019
- ▶ Public Review Period June 1, 2019 through July 1, 2019
- ▶ Response to Comments July
- ▶ Board Consideration August 8, 2019

Questions and Comments

