



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Reviewing Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

From: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
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Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Malibu Schools Alignment Project

Lead Agency: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Environmental Information: Notice is hereby given that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (District), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed Project (described below) in accordance with CEQA. The District is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended. The MND was undertaken for the purpose of determining whether the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The District has concluded that the Proposed Project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the implementation of certain mitigation measures. The MND reflects the independent judgement of the District.

Project Location: All proposed physical improvements would be built at Point Dume Marine Science School (Point Dume) at 6955 Fernhill Drive in the City of Malibu in western Los Angeles County. The campus is approximately 0.5 miles south of Pacific Coast Highway at the southwest corner of the intersection of Fernhill Drive and Grayfox Street. The Proposed Project would also involve combining elementary school students from Juan Cabrillo Elementary School (Cabrillo) at 30237 Morning View Drive in the City of Malibu onto the Point Dume campus; and transferring middle school students from Malibu Middle and High School, at 30215 Morning View Drive in the City of Malibu, to the Cabrillo campus. No physical improvements would be made either the Malibu Middle and High School or the Cabrillo campuses.

Project Description: Improvements at Point Dume would be developed in two phases:

Phase 1 would consist of installation of 10 portables (8 classrooms, one administration portable, and one restroom portable) on the Point Dume campus for two years, 2019-20 and 2020-21. One portable classroom would be installed in the kindergarten area in the southwest part of the campus, while the remaining nine

portables would be installed in the central part of the campus on the south part of the existing hardcourt area.¹ The portables would accommodate the increase in student population for two years until a permanent classroom building is constructed.

Phase 2 would consist construction of two permanent buildings: a two-story classroom building with eight classrooms and approximately 15,000 square feet of building area, to be built in the north-central part of the campus on the north end of the hardcourt area, and development of a new 2,500 square foot administrative office located on the site of the portables for the elementary school portion. The remaining area, approximately 15,000 square feet, would be converted back to permeable surfaces. Phase 2 construction would be scheduled for 14 months between summer 2020 and summer 2021.

The Proposed Project would also include combining two elementary schools and transferring middle school students from Malibu Middle and High School to one of the elementary schools (see *Project Location* above).

The Point Dume campus is not included on any list under Government Code section 65962.5.

Public Review and Comments: The District invites you to comment on the proposed MND. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties, including members of the public, must submit any comments in response to this notice no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 18, 2018**. This Notice of Intent and accompanying MND are available for a 20-day public review period beginning **September 28, 2018** and ending **October 18, 2018**.

Notice of Public Meeting: The District Board of Education will hold a public meeting to hear public comments on the Proposed Project and the MND at Point Dume Marine Science School Library on October 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Copies of the MND and supporting documents are available for public review at the District's Office at 1651 16th Street Santa Monica, California 90404; at Point Dume Marine Science School, 6955 Fernhill Drive, Malibu, CA 90265; and on the District's website at <http://fip.smmusd.org/sites-point-dume.html>. The District's Office and Point Dume Marine Science School are open from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The District will only accept written comments during the aforementioned public review period—please include your name, address, and contact information in your correspondence. Written comments must be directed to Carey Upton, Chief Operations Officer, and received in the offices of the District, or submitted via by e-mail at cupton@smmusd.org. For any questions or to obtain further information about the project please contact Carey Upton at the District via the aforementioned email or by phone at (310) 450-8338.

Board of Education Meeting: Following the end of the public review period, a public meeting to consider the MND and the Proposed Project will be held on November 1, 2018, at Malibu City Hall, 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA 90265 at 5:30 PM.

¹ The Point Dume campus described here includes Cameron Park, comprising most of the east half of the campus, which is owned by the District and is used jointly by the school and the City of Malibu Community Services Department.