

RESOLUTION NO. 09/10 - 65

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MT. DIABLO
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTING AND CERTIFYING THE
FINAL EIR FOR THE NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
LIGHTING PROJECT, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED
THERE TO, AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE NOTICE OF
DETERMINATION**

WHEREAS, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District (the "District") has proposed stadium lighting, the installation of permanent bleachers and press box, and upgrading the public address system at on the football field at Northgate High School to enable the field to be used for evening sports events and practices (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Trustees (the "Board") previously directed District staff to consider options for maximizing use of the field during evening hours and increasing community attendance and participation in sports events; and

WHEREAS, the Board directed staff to analyze the Project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act as set forth at Public Resources Code section 21000, *et seq.* and its implementing regulations ("CEQA" or the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, following issuance of a Notice of Preparation, a Draft Environmental Impact Report (the "Draft EIR") was completed for the Project in August 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Draft EIR was circulated to the public for review and comment commencing September 8, 2009 and ending October 20, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Draft EIR was conducted by the Board on October 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the District received both written and oral comments on the Draft EIR during the public review period, from private individuals and from public entities, and such comments have been inserted into and responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Report (the "Final EIR") heretofore presented to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR consists of the modified Draft EIR (based upon additional information received during the public review period), all written and oral comments received in regard to the Draft EIR during the public review period, all responses prepared to the substantive written and oral comments received in regard thereto, notes and other memorandum regarding the public hearing, and any accompanying documents which are all incorporated by reference as

if fully set forth herein in accordance with the provisions of the Act, including, but not limited to, section 21167.6 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board now determines it appropriate to certify the Final EIR, to make approvals, findings and other statements provided for herein and to direct the preparation and filing of a Notice of Determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1: Recitals

The above recitals are true and correct, and the Board hereby so finds.

SECTION 2: General Findings Related to Prior Proceedings

- A. The Notice of Preparation for the Draft EIR dated March 5, 2009, was duly prepared, noticed and properly circulated in accordance with the provisions of the Act. No responsible agencies responded to the District with respect to the preparation or scope of the Draft EIR.
- B. The Draft EIR dated August 2009 was duly prepared, properly circulated and completed in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- C. Along with providing adequate public notice thereof, the Draft EIR was duly circulated in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and a public hearing was properly noticed and conducted on October 6, 2009 by the District in compliance with the provisions of the Act.
- D. All substantive comments received during the period of public review have been duly considered and incorporated into the Final EIR, and when necessary, replied to all in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- E. A good faith effort has been made to incorporate alternatives into the Final EIR, and a reasonable range of alternatives was considered in the review process under the provisions of the Act relating to the decisions and recommendations as described in this Resolution.
- F. The Final EIR for the proposed Project has been properly completed and has identified all significant environmental effects of the proposed Project, and there are no known potential environmental effects that are not addressed in the Final EIR.

- G. Through the Draft EIR process and the Final EIR process, a good faith effort has been made to seek out and incorporate all points of view in the preparation of the Draft EIR and the Final EIR.
- H. The Board has utilized its own independent judgment and analysis in adopting this Resolution and in approving the Final EIR.

SECTION 3: Specific Findings and Mitigation Plans for the Project

- A. The Board hereby finds that the Project will have a significant environmental impact on (a) transportation/circulation; (b) noise; (c) air quality (c) aesthetics / light and glare. For each significant impact caused by the Project, the Board finds that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the Project which avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effect identified in the Final EIR. A list of the specific significant impacts of the Project and the specific mitigation measures that will be imposed on the Project to reduce each impact to a less-than-significant is attached to this Resolution as "Exhibit A," and incorporated into the Board's findings as though fully set forth herein.
- B. The Board finds that the mitigation measures as identified in the Final EIR and described generally in Exhibit A hereto are feasible and will reduce to a less-than-significant level the significant environmental impacts summarized in Exhibit A and the Final EIR. The Board hereby approves the mitigation measures that are identified in the Final EIR for the Project and summarized in Exhibit A and directs staff to implement them on an ongoing basis during the course of construction of the Project and future and ongoing use of the football field. The Board further finds that any mitigation measures added to the Final EIR subsequent to the circulation of the Draft EIR are to reduce effects on the environment that were already identified in the Draft EIR, and that any such additional mitigation measures do not have the potential to have a significant impact on the environment.
- C. The Board finds that the No Project Alternative set forth in the Final EIR has been fully analyzed and concludes that the No Project Alternative does not achieve the District's objectives for the reasons set forth in the Final EIR.
- D. In addition to the specific findings contained herein, the Board hereby incorporates by reference the applicable portions of the staff reports and studies, oral and written evidence submitted into the record, the Final EIR, items of common knowledge and the resolutions related to the Project as findings.
- E. The Board intends that the findings and determinations contained herein be considered as an integrated whole and, whether or not any subdivisions of these

findings and determinations fails to cross-reference or incorporate by reference any other subdivision of these findings and determinations, that any finding and/or determination required to or permitted to be made by this Board with respect to the Project shall be deemed made if it appears in any portion of these findings and determinations. All of the foregoing constitute findings and determinations by this Board, whether or not any particular sentence or clause so states.

- F. The Board has reviewed and considered the contents of the Final EIR for the Project. The presentation made to the Board by District staff pertaining thereto and based upon the afore-described evidence, the Board hereby certifies the Final EIR as adequate and approves and adopts it for purposes or potential future action in regard to the Project described therein.
- G. Based upon its own independent judgment and analysis, and the review of its staff, the Board finds that the Project changes which have been incorporated into the Project as identified in the Final EIR, and the mitigation measures set forth in the Final EIR and more specifically detailed in the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan generally described herein and set forth in the Final EIR, ensure that the significant impacts of the Project have been eliminated or substantially mitigated to a level of insignificance, and the Board further finds that the Project will not contribute to any considerable degree to future cumulative adverse environmental conditions.
- H. Each and all of the findings and determinations contained herein are based upon competent and substantial evidence, both oral and written, contained in the entire administrative record relating to the Project, including without limitation, that evidence presented in hearings on the Project before the Board.

The documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which the Board's findings are based are located with the custodian, the Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services at the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, 1936 Carlotta Drive, Concord, California, 94519-1397. This information is provided in compliance with Public Resources Code § 21081.6 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations § 15091.

SECTION 4: Certification of the Final EIR

- A. The Board hereby approves the Final EIR and certifies the Final EIR as having been completed in compliance with the Act.
- B. The Board further certifies that the Final EIR was presented to the Board as the lead agency for the Project as defined therein, and that the Board reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to making this

approval and has utilized its independent judgment in the course of reviewing, approving and certifying the Final EIR.

- C. The Board further authorizes the District staff to prepare and file a Notice of Determination within five working days following the date of adoption of this Resolution with the County Clerk of the County of Contra Costa and with the State of California and directs that copies of the Final EIR be retained at the administrative offices of the District for review.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District on this 15th day of June, 2010.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

President, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT "A"

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

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Significant Impact	Mitigation Measures	Does Implementation of the Mitigation Measure(s) Reduce the Impact to a Less-Than-Significant Level?
TRANSPORTATION / CIRCULATION		
3.1-2: The additional parking demand generated by night football games could result in spillover parking along nearby neighborhood streets.	3.1-2A: The school shall develop a parking management program to make the most efficient use of the available school parking lots. In particular, the paved court area west of the main parking lot should be used for auxiliary parking and as shown in Figure 3.1-2. 3.1-2B: To the extent feasible, the School District shall schedule activities such that no other major events would overlap with the night football games. 3.1-2C: The fence separating Hutchinson Road and the football field shall have landscaping and a fabric screen to block persons from viewing the games from the street. 3.1-2D: All of the pedestrian gates to the campus (near the tennis courts) shall be closed and locked during all games, thus discouraging persons from parking on Hutchinson and accessing the stadium. 3.1-2E: School staff shall provide traffic control to facilitate orderly ingress and egress from the on-site parking areas. 3.1-2F: The school shall actively promote a ridesharing program to reduce the number of trips as well as reduce the demand for off-site parking on neighborhood streets. 3.1-2G: To avoid overlap between school and city sports activities at nearby parks, the high school shall consult with the City of Walnut Creek Parks and Recreation Department when scheduling stadium uses.	Yes

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NOISE		
<p>3.2-2: Noise levels from the new public address system could impact the nearest residences.</p>	<p>3.2-2: The design for the PA system upgrade shall not exceed a maximum noise level of 60 dBA L_{max} measured on any residential receiving property. The PA system shall be used as judiciously as possible to minimize residential annoyance.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
AIR QUALITY		
<p>3.3-1: Construction activities associated with the proposed project would generate construction-period exhaust emissions and fugitive dust that could temporarily affect local air quality.</p>	<p>3.3-1: Where applicable, the following dust control measures shall be included on the construction plans and implemented by the construction contractor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water active construction areas (where grading may occur) at least twice daily. • Water or cover stockpiles of debris, soil, sand, or other materials that can be blown by the wind. • Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand, and other loose materials, or require all trucks to maintain at least two feet of freeboard. • Sweep daily (with water sweepers) all paved access roads, parking areas, and staging areas at construction sites. • Sweep streets daily (with water sweepers) if visible soil material is carried onto adjacent public streets. • Replant vegetation in disturbed areas where the bleachers will not be installed as quickly as possible. 	<p>Yes</p>

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<p>AESTHETICS / LIGHT AND GLARE 3.4-1: Installation of the sports lights would produce spill light on surrounding residences to the west.</p>	<p>3.4-1A: Fixtures shall be equipped with special internal optical reflectors and external visors to effectively control trespass light. The proposed sports lights shall be provided with automatic time switch controls to turn OFF the lights at a pre-set time. For turning ON the lights, the controls shall provide for both manual and preprogrammed methods.</p> <p>3.4-1B: The maximum trespass-light trespass (vertical) illumination on the face of the houses to the west of the field shall not exceed 1-0-0.69 footcandle with a margin of error of 20 percent. It appears practical for the final aiming and field adjustments of the lights by MUSCO to achieve this level. Upon completing the field adjustments to the lights, confirmation of the 1.0 maximum vertical illumination level shall be provided to the residents of Hutchinson Road who are located directly west of the sports field.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
	<p>3.4-1C: The sheet-lighting contractor shall re-aim and adjust the luminaires as needed during the initial nighttime testing of the field lights. This will ensure that no excessive spill light remains uncorrected. Confirmation of the maximum vertical illumination level shall be provided to the School District and upon request, to the residents of Hutchinson Road who are located directly west of the sports field.</p>	
	<p>3.4-1D: Lights shall be turned off by 10:00 p.m. for regularly scheduled games and off by 11:00 p.m. for playoff games.</p>	

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<p>3.4-4: New bleachers located on the west side of the football field would be visible to residents of Hutchinson Road located directly across the street from the football field.</p>	<p>3.4-4A: To block views of the bleachers for Hutchinson Road residents, a fabric screen shall be installed on the athletic field fence and landscaping installed a landscape screen shall be planted along the west side of the fence as shown in Figure 3.4-12. (between the fence and Hutchinson Road) for the length of the bleachers. Vines shall be planted on the rear frame of the bleachers to hide the bleacher underside.</p> <p>3.4-4B: An irrigation system shall be established in the landscape area as shown on Figure 3.4-12. Newly planted trees shall be monitored for a period of five years from the date of installation. Any trees lost during this period shall be replaced and monitored by the School District.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>PUBLIC SERVICES</p>		
<p>3.5-1: The change in schedule from afternoon football games to evening games could potentially cause an increase in the demand for police services.</p>	<p>3.5-1A: The School District shall enter into an agreement with the City of Walnut Creek to obtain reserve officers to patrol the regularly-scheduled home football games as well as playoff games in the event these should occur at Northgate High School. District staff and City staff shall collaborate to determine the number of officers that should be present.</p> <p>3.5-1B: In the event the City cannot enter into an agreement with the School District for reserve officers because of the demand on City police services, the School District shall retain security personnel to patrol the games.</p> <p>3.5-1C: The School District shall attempt to coordinate game schedules between the two Walnut Creek schools to avoid an overlap in the demand for services provided by the police department.</p>	<p>Yes</p>