

PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOL DISTRICT
Palm Springs, CA

**APPROVING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE FINAL REVISED SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTL IMPACT REPORT
AND ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE DISTRICTPROPSOED
LIGHTING PROJECT AT RANCHO MIRAGE HGH SCHOOL**

RESOLUTION No. 2023/2024-18

WHEREAS, the Palm Springs Unified school District (“District”) proposes improvements to exterior lighting at Rancho Mirage High School (“Project”) to allow the use of outdoor instructional and activity areas before and after school hours. Additional exterior lighting would maximize spaces on campus for outdoor instruction and activities at the RMHS campus. New field lighting would be installed at RMHS on the varsity baseball and softball fields, junior varsity (JV) baseball and softball fields, practice fields (north and south), and soccer fields (1 and 2).

WHEREAS, the proposed lighting improvements of the high school fields was prompted by the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 328, which requires high schools to start no earlier than 8:30 A.M. However, with the later start time, schools will also end later, which will affect activities unless the high school fields are lit for evening use. The proposed lights would safely allow use of the high school fields into the evening hours and the design meets the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) recommended lighting levels for baseball and softball fields; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Revised Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (“Revised SEIR”) and accompanying Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program (“MMRP”) were prepared analyzing all phases and potential impacts of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Revised SEIR was distributed and circulated for public review on October 4, 2023 to November 20, 2023 for a 45-day review and comment by the public and by responsible and reviewing agencies. During the public review period, comments were received on the environmental document; the letters were from nearby residents, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC),, Riverside County Flood Control District, and the City of Ranch Mirage. The District fully responded to all comments in the Responses to Comments attached to the Final Revised SEIR and published in November 2023; and

WHEREAS, copies of the Responses to Comments were distributed to public agencies that commented on the document during the review period as required by CEQA 10 days prior to the certification of the Final Revised SEIR; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed schedule meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District, on December 12, 2023, the Board heard public comments on the Final Revised SEIR and MMRP. After reviewing and considering all oral and written information regarding the Final Revised SEIR and MMRP as presented at or before that hearing, the Board determined that the Final Revised SEIR and MMRP, including the Draft Revised SEIR as the entire administrative record, was adequate for the purposes of approving the proposed Project; and certified the Final Revised SEIR; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program at the same meeting on December 12, 2023, and finds that mitigation measures identified in the Final Revised SEIR have been imposed on and incorporated into the proposed Project to mitigate to a less-than-significant level or to avoid the proposed Project’s potentially significant environmental effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

A. RECITALS

The Board finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are herein incorporated as substantive findings of this Resolution.

B. ADOPTION OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Board, as the lead agency, hereby adopts the Final Revised SEIR and MMRP attached hereto as Exhibit A which consists of the Final and Draft Revised SEIRs, Comments and Responses to Comments, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Report Program, based on the findings below. In the event of any inconsistencies between the Mitigation Measures as set forth in the Rancho Mirage Lighting Project Revised Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program, the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program shall control.

C. CEQA FINDINGS

1. The Rancho Mirage Lighting Project Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, which consists of the Revised Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, Comments and Responses to Comments, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Report Program, which represents the entire administrative record was completed in accordance with the requirements of the CEQA, and the CEQA Guidelines.
2. The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report was prepared, published, circulated and reviewed in accordance with the requirements of CEQA, and the CEQA Guidelines, and constituted an adequate, accurate, objective and complete document addressing all issues relevant to the approval of the proposed Project.
3. The Board reviewed and considered the information contained within the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and the entire administrative record prior to acting on the proposed Project and finds that the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the District.
4. The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report contains certain additions, clarifications, modifications, or other revisions (as the result of the public review and comments on the Revised Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, public agency responses to those comments, and refinements to the proposed Project's mitigation measures), but such work does not present substantial revisions or significant new information requiring recirculation of the Revised Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.
5. The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report identified all potentially significant adverse environmental impacts and feasible mitigation measures or standard conditions of approval that would reduce these impacts to a less-than-significant level. All of the mitigation measures identified in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, including those in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, are adopted and will be implemented for the proposed Project.
6. The Board finds that on the basis of the whole record before it, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Project, as mitigated in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, will have a significant impact on the environment.
7. In certifying the Final Revised SEIR, the District makes the following findings:
 - The Final Revised SEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA;

- The Final Revised SEIR was presented to the decision-making body of the District, as lead agency, and that the decision-making body reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Revised SEIR prior to approving the project; and
 - The Final Revised SEIR reflects the District's, as lead agency, independent judgment and analysis.
8. The monitoring and reporting of CEQA mitigation measures in connection with the proposed Project will be conducted in accordance with the attached Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program incorporated as part of the proposed Project. Adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program will constitute fulfillment of the CEQA monitoring and/or reporting requirement set forth in Section 21081.6 of CEQA. All proposed mitigation measures are capable of being fully implemented by the District.
9. The District authorizes the Superintendent to file a Notice of Determination (NOD) in accordance with the requirements Section 21152 of CEQA and Section 15075 of the CEQA Guidelines with the Riverside County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse, and to pay all fees including the CDFW fees for the filing of the NOD.

D. RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORD

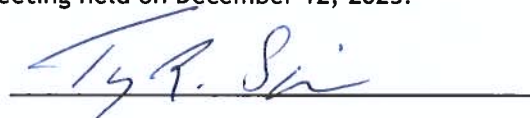
For purposes of CEQA and the findings set forth herein, the record of proceedings for the Board's findings and determinations consists of the following documents and testimony, at a minimum:

- Board agenda report prepared for the regular meeting of December 12, 2023.
- All written and oral comments submitted during the public review period for the Final and Revised Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and all records pertaining to public hearings or meetings regarding the proposed Project review.
- All other public reports, documents, studies, memoranda, maps, or other planning documents related to the proposed Project and the Final and Revised Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, prepared by the District, consultants to the District, or responsible or trustee agencies.
- All matters of common knowledge to this Board, including, but not limited to (1) the applicable policies and regulations of the Board, (2) reports, projections, and documentation regarding operation of Rancho Mirage High School, and (3) federal, State, and County laws, regulations, guidelines, and publications.

The documents described above comprising the record of proceedings, including the Final Revised SEIR and other documents contained in the administrative record, with the Facilities Planning & Development Department, and will be on file at the District office located at 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264. The custodian of these documents is the Facilities Planning & Development Executive Director, or their designee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Palm Springs Unified School District this 12th day of December 2023.

I, Tony Signoret, Ed.D, Secretary to the Governing Board of the Palm Springs Unified School District, Riverside County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Governing Board at a regular meeting held on December 12, 2023.



Tony Signoret, Ed.D
Secretary to the Governing Board
Palm Springs Unified School District