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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION *Torrance USD Aquatic Center Project*

Public Notice: Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, Torrance Unified School District (District), as lead agency, intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigation Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Torrance USD Aquatic Center project.

Project Title: Torrance Unified School District (USD) Aquatic Center Project

Project Location: The 11.4-acre project site is on Assessor's Parcel Number 7359-011-913, generally at 2600 Vine Street, Torrance, Los Angeles County, California, 90501. The property is owned by Torrance Unified School District and is developed with school and nonschool uses. The project site encompasses a parking lot and two ball fields; it is generally east of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center (2300 Crenshaw Boulevard), north of Shery Continuation High School (2600 Vine Avenue), and west of Torrance Elementary School (2125 Lincoln Avenue). Access to the project site is from a private street off/driveway of Crenshaw Boulevard.

Project Description: The proposed project is construction and operation of a new aquatic center that would accommodate all four District high schools' aquatic programs, which currently use the city-operated Victor E. Benstead Plunge. The aquatic center would include a picnic area, modernization and reorientation of an existing varsity baseball field, and resurfacing and restriping of an existing parking lot with 411 stalls. The property would maintain all 515 off-street parking stalls. The baseball field would be rotated so that the backstop is at the northwest corner of the existing field, but would offer the same number of bleacher seats.

The aquatic center would have two new swimming pools—a warm-up pool and a 60-meter Olympic-size pool—surrounded by a concrete pool deck of approximately 15,200 square feet. Elevated bleacher seats for up to 500 spectators would run the entire east side of the competition pool. Shade canopies would be installed over the bleachers as well as on the north and south ends of the pools. A 14,000-square-foot pool house on the west side of the pools would separate them from the parking lot. The building would include team and visitor rooms, men's and women's restrooms, multipurpose room, coach offices, storage/utility/maintenance rooms, a ticket room near the main entrance, and pool pump and equipment rooms.

Environmental Documentation: The District has prepared an Initial Study in accordance with CEQA to determine whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of this Initial Study, the District has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore prepared a MND. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the District.

The project site is not on a list of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. The proposed project is not considered a project of statewide, regional, or area-wide significance. A scoping meeting will not be held by the lead agency.

Public Review: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties, including members of the public, may submit comments in response to this notice no later than 30 days after receipt. The Notice of Intent (NOI) and accompanying Initial Study are available for a 30-day public review period beginning June 30, 2015, and ending July 29, 2015.

A copy of the Initial Study and supporting documents are available for review at:

- § Torrance Unified School District Administration, 2335 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501
- § Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503
- § The District's website at <http://www.tusd.org/>

Public Comments: Written comments on the proposed project must be received no later than July 29, 2015, and should be directed to the attention of Donald Stabler, Deputy Superintendent, at the address below:

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Torrance Unified School District
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Public Meeting: Submitted comments will be considered by the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education prior to their decision regarding the adoption of the IS/MND and approval of the proposed project, slated for the regular board meeting to be held on September 15, 2015, at 7:30 PM or soon thereafter at the District Board Room in the Educational Materials Building (EMB) at 2336 Plaza del Amo, Torrance. Please contact TUSD at 310.972.6500 to confirm the date and time.