

**Resolution No. 14-02-20**

**Of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board of Education Approving the Electronic Scoreboards Addendum to the previously certified Corona del Mar Middle and High School Sports Field(s) Project Environmental Impact Report and determining that said Addendum serves as the appropriate environmental documentation for adopting written findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; approving the project; and delegating authority to staff to execute the Notice of Determination**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (“District”) desires to improve the experience of the two sports fields’ participants and spectators by installing electronic scoreboards (“Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of the Project constitutes a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA,” Public Resources Code section 2100, et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15063, the District retained an environmental consultant to prepare the documentation required by CEQA; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, acting as the Lead Agency as defined in Section 21067 of the Public Resources Code, has undertaken the preparation of an addendum to the Corona del Mar Middle and High School Sports Field(s) Project Environmental Impact Report (California State Clearinghouse No. 2016011073); and

**WHEREAS**, prior to taking action on the Project, the District has evaluated and considered the Addendum along with the Corona del Mar Middle and High School Sports Field(s) Project Environmental Impact Report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the Addendum is adequate, complete, and has been prepared in accordance with CEQA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Addendum has been prepared in compliance with CEQA and reflects the Board’s independent judgment and analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Addendum and all supporting material, which constitute a record of these proceedings, are kept at the Newport Mesa Unified School District Office, located at 2985 Bear Street, Building A, Costa Mesa.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board of Education hereby finds, determines, declares, orders and resolves as follows:

**Section 1.** That all of the recitals set forth above are true and correct, and the Board so finds and determines the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

**Section 2.** The Board certifies that: (1) the Addendum for the Project has been completed

in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; (2) the Addendum was presented to the Board along with Corona del Mar Middle and High School Sports Field(s) Project Environmental Impact Report; and (3) the Addendum reflects the Board's independent judgment and analysis;

**Section 3.** The Board hereby delegates authority to the District Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, to cause a Notice of Determination to be filed with the Orange County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse;

**Section 4.** The findings made in this Resolution are based upon the information and evidence set forth in the Addendum and upon substantial evidence which has been presented in the record of these proceedings; the Addendum and all supporting material, which constitute a record of these proceedings, will be kept at the Newport Mesa Unified School District Office, located at 2985 Bear Street, Building A, Costa Mesa.

**Section 5.** The Board hereby approves the project as described in the Electronic Scoreboards Addendum to Corona del Mar Middle and High School Environmental Impact Report.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of the Newport-Mesa District on the xx day of February 11, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Board of Education  
Newport-Mesa Unified District

Attested to:

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Clerk of the Board of Education  
Newport-Mesa Unified District

Attachments

A. Addendum

B. Notice of Determination

# **Addendum to Corona Del Mar Middle and High School Sports Field(s) Environmental Impact Report – Electronic Scoreboards**

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**State Clearinghouse No. 2016011073**

On October 24, 2017, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (“District”) approved the Corona Del Mar Middle and High School Sports Field(s) Project (“sport fields project”) (SCH 2016011073) (“2017 EIR”).

The 2017 EIR evaluated the replacement and reconfiguration of the existing natural-turf field and rubber tract with a synthetic-turf field and track and the construction of 664-seat capacity bleachers at the Corona Del Mar Middle and High School campus. The 2017 EIR evaluated two options. Following certification of the 2017 EIR, the District pursued Option B. Option B includes 664-seat bleachers and locates the synthetic-turf field and rubber track very close to the current natural-turf field and rubber track’s existing location (Field 1). Option B includes a second lighted synthetic field (no track) north of the existing varsity baseball field (Field 2). Existing portable bleachers with a seating capacity of 200 would remain adjacent to the west side of the second field for spectators. These bleachers are currently used for games at this location. The sports field project is currently under construction.

## **1.1 PROPOSED PROJECT**

As part of the sports field project under Option B, the project applicant, Newport-Mesa Unified School District (District), proposes the construction of two electronic scoreboards, one for each field. A description of each scoreboard is provided below:

- On the main field (Field 1), the scoreboard will be located at the center of the field just north of the track. The scoreboard will be 25 feet wide by 17 feet, 1 inch wide, set on 10-foot poles, reaching a total height of 27 feet, 1 inch above grade. The back of the scoreboard will be enclosed and painted black. The area behind the scoreboard and along the sidewalk will be planted 48-inch box Australian Willow and Carolina Cherry shrubs. The sign will face south toward the stands.
- The second scoreboard will be placed on the western wall of the existing Weight Room Building. The sign will measure 15 feet in width and 4 feet, 6 inches in height. The top of the sign will be aligned with the top of the building. The sign will face west.

## **1.2 PURPOSE OF AN EIR ADDENDUM**

According to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(a), an addendum shall be prepared if some changes or additions to a previously adopted EIR are necessary, but none of the conditions enumerated in CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162(a)(1)–(3) calling for the preparation of subsequent EIR have occurred. As stated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations):

When an EIR has been certified or negative declaration adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

- (1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- (2) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
- (3) New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
  - (a) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;
  - (b) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
  - (c) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
  - (d) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

The proposed project would fulfill none of the conditions outlined in CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162(a)(1)-(3) as these changes would not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects requiring major revisions to the 2017 EIR. Accordingly, this checklist provides the substantial evidence required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(e) to support the finding that a subsequent EIR is not required and an addendum to the 2017 EIR is the appropriate environmental document to address changes to the project.

As stated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 (Addendum to an EIR):

- a) The lead agency or responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.
- b) An addendum to an adopted negative declaration may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary or none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration have occurred.

- c) An addendum need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the final EIR or adopted negative declaration.
- d) The decision-making body shall consider the addendum with the final EIR or adopted negative declaration prior to making a decision on the project.
- e) A brief explanation of the decision not to prepare a subsequent EIR pursuant to Section 15162 should be included in an addendum to an EIR, the lead agency's findings on the project, or elsewhere in the record. The explanation must be supported by substantial evidence.

## 1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Section 15164(b) of the “CEQA Guidelines” (Title 14, Cal. Code of Regs., § 15000 et seq.) authorizes a lead agency to prepare an addendum to an EIR “if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary or none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.”

The 2017 EIR found that development of the project would result in less than significant impacts with regard to Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Public Services, Recreation, and Energy Resources. The following issues were found to be less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures: Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Transportation. The 2017 EIR did not identify any significant and unavoidable impacts.

The following discussion compares the proposed project to the 2017 EIR.

### 1.3.1 Aesthetics

The 2017 EIR determined that impacts to scenic vistas, resources along a state scenic highway, and visual quality would be less than significant. According to the 2017 EIR, impacts regarding light and glare would be **less than significant with incorporation of mitigation measure** AE-1. Mitigation measure AE-1 requires that the District perform field light measurements after the lighting pole installation to demonstrate that actual spill light levels near adjacent residential units to the north match the levels indicated in the light levels plan. The vertical light levels at the vertical surface of any residential unit shall not exceed 0.8 foot-candle, and each luminaire affixed on the pole shall be fully shielded and adjusted so that no direct upward beam is permitted.

The proposed project would add a scoreboard to each of the two sports field as discussed above. The scoreboards would be electronic. Attachment A to this Addendum shows simulations from three vantage points: (1) West (W) View, located at the north corner of Mar Vista Drive and Vista Bonita looking east; (2) North (N) View, located at the west corner of Vista Del Oro and Hidalgo looking southwest; and (3) Northeast (NE) View, located on the east side of Eastbluff Drive looking west. The Key Map (page 1) of Attachment A documents the locations of the views, their view limits and site lines. Attachment A, pages 2 through 4, provides existing views (“Before”) and proposed views (“Proposed”) after the addition of the scoreboards to the sport fields. The existing views were documented by a site visit on November 13, 2019 just after the construction of the sport fields project began and trees and landscaping were removed. The proposed views illustrate the views of the scoreboards prior to the replacement of trees and landscaping. The visual simulations of the scoreboards

are based on photographs taken during a football game at Davidson Field at Newport Harbor high school. The proposed project's scoreboards would be the same type as the scoreboards at Davidson Field.

The scoreboards will be visible from public rights-of-way along Eastbluff Drive, Vista Del Oro, and Mar Vista Drive. From Eastbluff Drive and Mar Vista Drive, the scoreboards can be seen in the distance (refer to the West (W) View and Northeast (NE) View in Attachment A). Views of the scoreboards from Eastbluff Drive and Mar Vista Drive would not substantially alter views of the approved sport fields. Further, the proposed trees and landscaping would further soften the views of the scoreboards. The scoreboard on Field 1 would be a standalone scoreboard near the center of the field with the scoreboard facing south (refer to the North (N) View in Attachment A). The back of the scoreboard would be visible from Vista Del Oro and the residential properties to the north of the site. The back of the scoreboard will be enclosed and painted black. In addition to the panel on the back of the scoreboard, landscaping along Vista Del Oro, including trees, will further preserve the visual quality of views looking towards the campus from Vista Del Oro.

As shown in Attachment A the light generated by the scoreboards would be minimal and would not substantially contribute to the current lighting conditions on site and generated as part of the approved sport fields project (under the 2017 EIR). The proposed project would not add any new lighting poles.

The project would incorporate all relevant mitigation measures specified in the 2017 EIR. The impacts under the project **will be no more substantial than those analyzed in the 2017 EIR**. No new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternatives analyses are required.

### 1.3.2 Air Quality

The 2017 EIR determined that air quality impacts would be **less than significant**.

The installation of the scoreboards would require minor construction activities, such as constructing the concrete footings for the standalone scoreboard, that would occur during the construction phase of the approved sport fields project. The operation of the scoreboards would not generate new air quality impacts. The impacts **will be no more significant than the impacts evaluated under the 2017 EIR**. No new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternatives analyses are required.

### 1.3.3 Cultural Resources (and Tribal Cultural Resources)

The 2017 EIR determined that impacts to cultural resources (archaeological and paleontological resources) would be **less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures** CUL-1 and CUL-2 outlined in the 2017 EIR.

The scoreboard on Field 1 would be a standalone scoreboard that would required concrete footings and reinforcements into the ground. Installation of this scoreboard would occur during the construction phase of the approved sport fields project. With the incorporation of previously identified mitigation measures, the project's impacts **will be no more significant than the impacts evaluated under the 2017 EIR**. No new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternatives analyses are required.

### 1.3.4 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The 2017 EIR found that project impacts to greenhouse gas emissions would be **less than significant**.

The installation of the scoreboards would require minor construction activities that would occur during the construction phase of the approved sport fields project. The operation of the scoreboards would not introduce any impacts beyond those addressed in the 2017 EIR. The impacts **will be no more significant than the impacts evaluated under the 2017 EIR**. No new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternatives analyses are required.

### 1.3.5 Hydrology and Water Quality

The 2017 EIR determined that impacts to hydrology and water quality would be **less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures** HYD-1 through HYD-3 outlined in the 2017 EIR.

Development of the project would not introduce new impacts beyond those studied in the 2017 EIR. Installation of the scoreboards would occur during the construction phase of the approved sport fields project. All applicable regulatory compliance measures and mitigation measures identified in the 2017 EIR would still be required. The project's impacts **will be no more substantial than the impacts evaluated under the 2017 EIR**. No new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternative analyses are required.

### 1.3.6 Noise

The 2017 EIR determined that the project would result in a **less than significant impact** to long-term operation-related roadway noise; short-term and long-term groundborne vibration and groundborne noise; and temporary noise increases in the vicinity of the project site. The 2017 EIR found that Option A would result in a less than significant impact with mitigation to temporary and periodic increases in ambient noise, and Option B would result in a **less than significant impact** to temporary and periodic increases in ambient noise.

Installation of the scoreboards would occur during the construction phase of the approved sport fields project. **The scoreboards would not add to temporary or long-term noise beyond what was evaluated in the 2017 EIR**. Therefore, no new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternatives analyses are required.

### 1.3.7 Public Services

The 2017 EIR found that project impacts to fire protection and police protection would be **less than significant**.

The project adds two scoreboards to previously approved sport fields. The project does not generate additional persons on site. **The project would not increase the demand of fire protection or police protection services**. Therefore, no new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternatives analyses are required.

### 1.3.8 Recreation

The 2017 EIR found that project impacts to recreational facilities would be **less than significant**.

The project adds two scoreboards to previously approved sport fields. The project does not generate additional persons on site. **The project would not generate new recreation demand.** Therefore, no new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternatives analyses are required.

### 1.3.9 Transportation and Traffic

The 2017 EIR determined that the project would result in a **less than significant impact** to transportation and traffic, except for creating a potentially significant impact at one intersection under Buildout Year (Post-2030), which is reduced to a **less than significant level with the incorporation of mitigation measure TRAN-1.**

The project would not generate new vehicle trips nor impact vehicle miles traveled. The project does not generate additional persons on site. **The project would not generate new transportation and traffic impacts.** Therefore, no new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternatives analyses are required.

### 1.3.10 Energy

The 2017 EIR found that project impacts to energy resources would be less than significant.

The scoreboards would require electricity to operate, and the operations of the scoreboards would be within the energy demand anticipated for the sport fields project. The scoreboards would not require natural gas or alter transportation energy demand. The impacts **will be no more significant than the impacts evaluated under the 2017 EIR.** No new mitigation measures are necessary, and no alternatives analyses are required.

### 1.3.11 Wildfire

The 2017 EIR did not evaluate impacts to wildfire. However, the project site is located in an urbanized area, with surrounding paved areas and access to fire hydrants. The project site is not located within a state responsibility area nor a very high fire hazard severity zone. Therefore, impacts would be **less than significant.**

### 1.3.12 Conclusion

There are no substantial changes in the circumstances or new information that was not known and could not have been known at the time of the adoption of the 2017 EIR. The previously adopted mitigation measures would be required to be implemented, and no new or previously considered mitigation measures would be required to be adopted.

The two proposed scoreboards represent minor changes from the impacts that were assumed and analyzed by the 2017 EIR. As a result, and for the reasons explained in this Addendum, the project would not cause any new significant environmental impacts or substantially increase the severity of significant environmental impacts disclosed in the 2017 EIR. Thus, the proposed project does not trigger any of the conditions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 allowing the preparation of a subsequent EIR, and the appropriate environmental document as authorized by CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(b) is an addendum. Accordingly, this EIR Addendum has been prepared. The Addendum describes the addition of two scoreboards to the approved sport fields project, analyzes impact changes, and demonstrates that the project will not create any new



significant environmental impacts or substantially increase the severity of those significant environmental impacts disclosed in the 2017 EIR.



Legend

- View Location
- Stadium Light
- Scoreboard
- View Limits
- Site Line





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