

Notice of Availability and Public Hearing for an Environmental Impact Report for the Will C. Wood High School Stadium Project

TO: Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Impact Report and

Notice of Public Hearing

LEAD AGENCY: Vacaville Unified School District

DRAFT EIR COMMENT PERIOD: March 28 through May 11, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING: April 18th, at 6:30 p.m.

Will C. Wood High School Wildcat Theater

998 Marshall Road, Vacaville

The Vacaville Unified School District has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposed upgrade to the existing track and field complex with a new multipurpose stadium and track complex at the Will C. Wood High School campus. This notice summarizes the project and its location, the starting and ending dates for the review period, the date, time, and location of a public hearing, a list of significant environmental impacts identified in the Draft EIR, and the address where copies of the Draft EIR will be available for public review.

Project Description

The District proposes to upgrade an existing track and field complex with a new multipurpose stadium and track complex at Will C. Wood High School, located at 998 Marshall Road, in the City of Vacaville (see Figure 1). The proposed multipurpose stadium and track complex would be located on the lower plateau of the high school campus near the intersection of Peabody and Marshall roads. This triangular site is bound by the remainder of the campus on the west, Peabody Road and a single-family residential neighborhood to the northeast, and a multi-family residential apartment complex to the south.

Will C. Wood High School does not currently have an on-site stadium. Tom Zunino Stadium, a multipurpose stadium and track complex located at Vacaville High School on West Monte Vista Avenue approximately 1.5 miles across town, is currently shared by both high schools for certain athletic events, community events and graduation. In 2012-2013, the District and a dedicated Stakeholder Committee developed a process that included visioning for the future, establishing athletic and educational standards and prioritizing needs. The process led the group to a preferred option for the development of the new multipurpose stadium, which is described below.

The proposed multipurpose stadium and track complex at Will C. Wood High School would include a new 8-lane synthetic track, a synthetic turf field, 2,500 seat home bleachers with a press-box, 1,500 seat visitor bleachers, and a variety of track and field event areas within and around the stadium. Support buildings would include a ticket booth, a concession and restroom building, and team rooms for home and visiting teams adjacent to a plaza area. The design requires a variety of retaining walls, including a concrete



bleacher system (i.e., home bleacher) to be cast into a hillside. Field lights and related equipment would be installed at the stadium.

Project Location

Will C. Wood High School is located in the City of Vacaville, Solano County. Regional access is provided by Interstate 80 (I-80), which is the major east-west vehicular transportation corridor in this area of the State. Access to the high school campus from I-80 is provided by Hume Way and Peabody Road. The project is located in the eastern portion of the high school campus at the intersection of Peabody and Marshall roads.

Potential Environmental Effects

Significant and unavoidable impacts have been identified in the Draft EIR related to aesthetics, noise, and transportation. Significant, but mitigatable, impacts have also been identified related to biology and cultural resources.

Public Review Period and Public Review Copies

A 45-day public review period will extend from March 28 to May 11, 2016. The Draft EIR and reference documents will be available for public review online at:

www.Vacavilleusd.org

and at the following locations in Vacaville:

- Vacaville Unified School District, 401 Nut Tree Road
- Will C. Wood High School Library, 998 Marshall Road
- Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, comments on the Draft EIR must be received no later than May 11, 2016. A Public Hearing will be held during the review period on April 18, 2016, at or after 6:30 p.m. at Will C. Wood High School Wildcat Theater.

Oral comments, as well as written comments, will be taken at the Public Hearing. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2016 to:

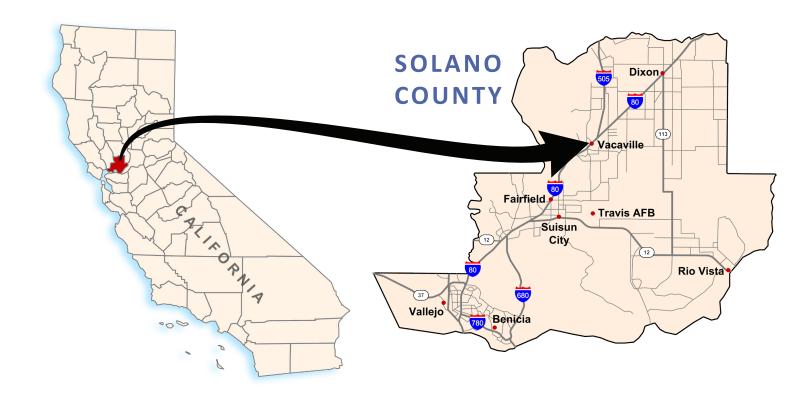
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Figure 1