

Notice of Preparation (NOP)

TO:

Affected Agencies

FROM:

Sacramento City Unified School District

SUBJECT:

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

LEAD AGENCY:

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Notice is hereby given that the Sacramento City Unified School District will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and probable environmental effects are contained in the attached Initial Study. Please send your comments by **November 26**, **2007**. Due to the time limit mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to **James Dobson, Director Planning & Construction** at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: School of Engineering and Sciences

Project Location: Swale River Way and Gloria Drive, Sacramento, CA. (APN: 031-0020-057-0000, 031-0440-028-

0000, 031-00440-002-0000, 031-0020-058-0000)

DATE: October 25, 2007

SIGNATURE;

C. Dobson, Director Planning & Construction

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW - INITIAL STUDY

1. **Project Title:** School of Engineering and Sciences &

Greenhaven/Pocket Library Joint Use Project

2. Lead Agency Name and Address: Sacramento City Unified School District

5735 47th Avenue

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3. Contact Person and Phone Number:

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4. **Project Location:** Swale River Way and Gloria Drive

Sacramento, California

APN# 031-0020-057-000, 031-0440-028-0000, 031-00440-002-0000, 031-0020-058-0000

5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** Sacramento City Unified School District

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6. **General Plan Designation:** Low Density Residential (4-15 dwelling units/net acre)

7. **Zoning Designation:** R-1 Standard Single-Family Detached

8. Description of Project:

Project Location

The Project site is located on Gloria Drive at Swale River Way located west of Interstate 5. The site is bounded by Swale River Way to the west, single-family residential development to the north, Havenside Canal and the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District station to the east, and Gloria Drive to the south. **Figure 1** shows the Project location.

Project Site Characteristics

The Project site consists of four parcels comprising approximately 13.55 acres. The site contains a parking lot, two baseball fields and vacant land.

Project Characteristics

The Project would include the construction of a high school, a public library and joint use school/city park. The public library would be located at the corner of Gloria Drive and Swale River Way.

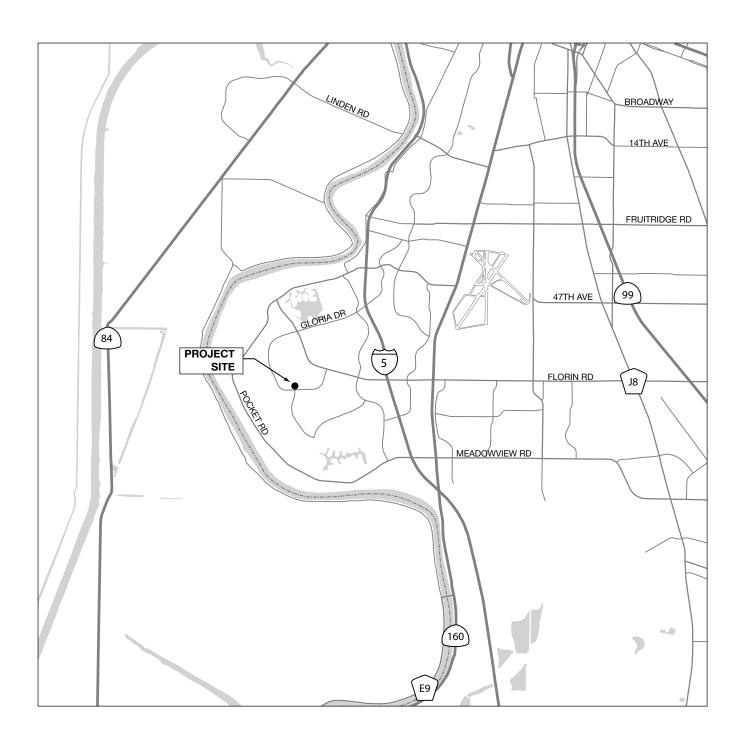




Figure 1 Project Location Map

The high school campus would be set back behind the library building and library parking lot. The joint use high school/City park would be located behind the high school campus at the northern portion of the Project site. The western boundaries of the Project site would be landscaped with street trees and planting to screen athletic and parking facilities from residences located across Swale River Way. A six foot high perimeter fence would be located along the western, northern and eastern boundaries of the school and park. The fence would be constructed of decorative metal that is painted. **Figure 2** shows the Project Site Plan. **Table 1** presents a breakdown of the proposed facilities. A description of each Project component is presented below.

TABLE: 1 PROPOSED FACILITIES

Building	Facilities	Square Feet	Number of Classrooms	Parking Spaces	Acreage
High School	ol				3.00
A	Administration/ 1 computer lab	5,778	1		
В	One-story Classrooms/Lab Classroom	8,154	4		
С	Two-story Classrooms	8,934	7		
D	Two-story Classrooms	10,935	9		
Е	Multi-purpose/Gym/Kitchen	10,767			
	Student /City Park (after school hours and weekends) Parking Lot			98	1.20
	School Staff/Visitor Parking Lot			31	
Library					2.35
F	Joint Use Library	15,000			
	Library Staff Parking Lot			16	
	Library Parking Lot			83	
Park					
	Athletic Fields				7.00
	TOTAL	44,568	21	228	13.55

High School

The high school would be designed with a capacity of 500 students in seventh through twelfth grades. The first year of school operation, 2009/10, the school would have an enrollment of about 84 seventh graders. Each subsequent year an additional grade would be added, with a full enrollment of 500 students in 2014/15. At full student enrollment, there would be 31 faculty and staff at the high school. **Table 2** shows the student enrollment.

The high school campus would be located in the central portion of the Project site. School buildings would be located around a courtyard. Landscaping would be located in the courtyard and campus perimeter. The high school campus would be secured with gates and fencing. Vehicular access to the campus would be from Gloria Drive. Truck access for service vehicles would also access the school

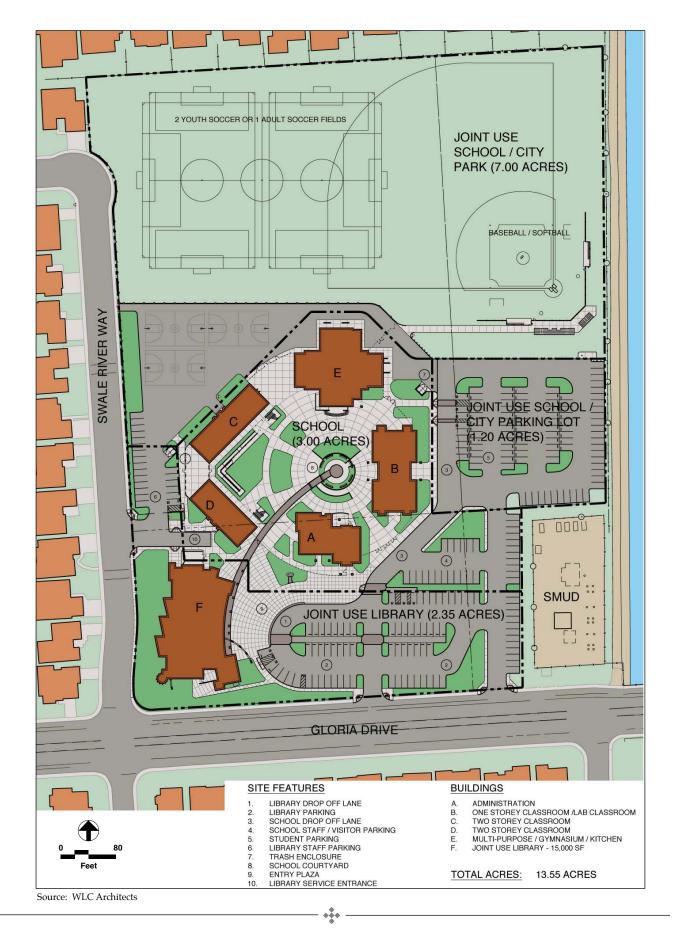


Figure 2 Project Site Plan

TABLE 2: STUDENT ENROLLMENT

School Year	Grade	Enrollment	Total
2009-10	7	84	84
2010/11	7 through 8	83	167
2011/12	7 through 9	84	251
2012/13	7 through 10	83	334
2013/14	7 through 11	83	417
2014/15	7 through 12	83	500

from Gloria Drive. The student parking lot would provide 98 parking spaces and the school staff/visitor parking lot would provide 31 parking spaces and seven accessible parking spaces. The parking lots would be lighted in the evening for safety and security needs.

The school buildings would be one and two stories and would be a contemporary design. The predominant exterior building materials would include plaster; simulated stone veneer walls; standing seam metal roofing; and steel/aluminum metal doors and windows. The color palette would compliment the surrounding residential neighborhood.

Public Library

The public library would be sited at the corner of Gloria Drive and Swale River Way. The building would be set back from the street. The corner setback would be landscaped with lawn, trees and other plantings. The public library would contain approximately 15,000 square feet. Building materials and colors would be complimentary to what is used on the school buildings. The design would promote an open feeling with glass walls that allow viewing into the library as well as allowing natural day lighting. Vehicular access would be from Gloria Drive. The library parking lot would provide 83 parking spaces and four accessible parking spaces. A library staff parking lot providing 16 parking spaces would be accessed from Swale River Way. Library service would also be accessed from Swale River Way. The parking lots would be lighted in the evening for safety and security needs.

The estimated number of daily library users is:

Monday - Thursday: 720

Friday: 540 Saturday: 500

Joint Use School/City Park

The joint use school/City park would provide athletic fields including a baseball/softball field and two youth (or one adult) soccer fields, three full basketball courts and two half-courts. The athletic facilities would be available for day use only; the fields would not be lighted for nighttime use. There would not be an amplified announcer system installed in the park. Park users would share the student parking lot.

The estimated number of park users:

Two youth soccer fields in use on Saturday -250 to 300 youths and parents during change-over of games. 125 - 150 youths and parents present during actual games.

Baseball/softball field – 100 youths and parents; use will not overlap with soccer field use.

The high school gym/multi-purpose room would be available in the evening and weekends by permit.

Hours of operation for the Project are as follows:

High School: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday – Friday.

Public Library: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Monday and Tuesday; 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM Wednesday and Thursday; 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Friday; 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Saturday.

City Park: 3:00 PM – Dusk, Monday through Friday; 8:00 AM – Dusk, Saturday and Sunday; and during non-school days Dawn to Dusk.

Project construction would begin in March 2008 with completion in July 2009 for the school and park; and early 2010 for the library.

9. **Surrounding Land Uses and Setting:** The Project site is surrounded by single-family residential development. A SMUD station is located adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Project site.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required:

The District is the principal authority for the proposed Project and is the Lead Agency for the proposed Master Plan Project. The District Board of Education will hold two public hearings on the proposed Project before deciding whether to approve it. The District Board of Education must certify the Final EIR before making a decision on the Project.

The Project will also require approval by the following public agencies:

- California Department of General Services, Division of State Architect (DSA) for the school buildings, handicap accessibility, fire and life safety.
- California Department of Education for approval of the educational program, school parking lot circulation and design of teaching spaces.
- City of Sacramento for the certification of the Final EIR as it pertains to the library and joint use park; encroachment permit for curb cuts on Gloria Drive and Swale River Way; water, sewer and storm drain hook-ups.
- City of Sacramento, Department of General Services and Sacramento Public Library for review of building and parking lot design.
- City of Sacramento, Department of Parks and Recreation for design and standards for park and playfield as well as shade tree standards for the parking lots.
- Sacramento Fire Department for site access and fire hydrants/water pressure.
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Sacramento Office) for NPDES General Permit and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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	James C. Dobson Printed Name		<u>Director, Plannir</u> Title	ng and Construction		

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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources identified in the parentheses following each question and listed in the References section of this document.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

1.	AES	STHETICS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes
	b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				\boxtimes
	c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?		\boxtimes		
	d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?		\boxtimes		

Discussion

The proposed Project could result in a substantial change to the visual character of the site. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 1 is presented below.

- a) The Project site presently contains the Sojurner Truth Park and is surrounded by low-density residential development. The park is visible in views along Gloria Drive and Swale River Way. The Project site and surrounding area are not identified as scenic areas or within a scenic vista by the city's current general plan (City of Sacramento 1988) or the draft planning policies developed for the 2030 General Plan (City of Sacramento 2007a). The Project would not adversely affect any scenic vistas. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- b) The Project site is developed as a park; it does not contain scenic resources including trees, rock outcroppings or historic buildings. The site is not within a state scenic highway (City of Sacramento 1988). The Project would not adversely affect scenic resources. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- c) The Project would replace the city park and vacant land with a high school, library, park and parking lots. The Project would substantially change the visual character of the site. Potential adverse impacts on the visual character of the site and its surroundings will be addressed in the EIR.

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d) The Project would include outdoor lighting in the parking lots which would create a new source of light and possibly glare at the site. This is considered a potentially significant impact and will be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measures will be identified in the EIR.

2.	whe envi Calif Asse of C	RICULTURAL RESOURCES. In determining ther impacts to agricultural resources are significant ronmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the fornia Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site essment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. conservation as an optional model to use in assessing acts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:	Potentially Significant <u>Impact</u>	Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				\boxtimes
	b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes
	c)	Involve other changes in the existing environment, which due to their location or nature could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				\boxtimes

Discussion

The proposed Project would not affect agricultural resources. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 2 is presented below.

- a) The Project site contains a park and vacant land located in a residential neighborhood. The site contains no agricultural lands. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- b) The Project site is not under a Williamson Act contract. The Project site is zoned R-1, Standard Single-Family Detached (City of Sacramento 2007b). This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- c) The Project site would not result in the conversion of any agricultural land. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation Measures

None required.

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3.	esta pol	R QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria ablished by the applicable air quality management or air lution control district may be relied upon to make the owing determinations. Would the project:	Potentially Significant <u>Impact</u>	Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?		\boxtimes		
	b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?		\boxtimes		
	c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions, which exceed quantitative thresholds for				
		ozone precursors)?		\boxtimes		
	d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?		\boxtimes		
	e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

The proposed Project could result in potentially significant construction and air quality impacts. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 3 is presented below.

- a) The Project's consistency with applicable air quality plans will be addressed in the EIR
- b) Air pollution emissions associated with the proposed Project could result in potentially significant air quality impacts. Potential air quality impacts will be addressed in the EIR.
- c) The Project's contribution to cumulative air quality impacts will be addressed in the EIR.
- d) The Project site is surrounded by residential development, which is considered a sensitive receptor. Potentially significant air quality impacts associated with exposure of sensitive receptors to air pollutants will be addressed in the EIR.
- e) Some objectionable odors may be generated from the operation of diesel-powered construction equipment and/or asphalt paving during the project construction period. However, under most meteorological conditions, these odors would be diluted sufficiently in odor-free air and not perceived by individual receptors in surrounding areas, including adjacent residences. Therefore, no significant impacts related to objectionable odors are anticipated to result from the proposed Project. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation measures will be identified in the EIR.

4.	віо	PLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				\boxtimes
	b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				\boxtimes
	c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				\boxtimes
	d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				\boxtimes
	e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				\boxtimes
	f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				\boxtimes

Discussion

The proposed would not result in potentially significant impacts to biological resources. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 4 is presented below.

a) The Project site contains a city park and vacant land owned by the District. The park contains irrigated turf areas (location of the two ball fields) and parking lot, and the vacant land contains grass that is mowed on an as needed basis. The Project would not have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

- b) The Project site does not contain riparian habitat. The Havenside Canal is located to the east of the site. A fence and maintenance road establishes a barrier between the Project site and canal. The Project would not have a substantial adverse affect on riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- c) The Project site does not contain wetlands. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- d) A chain link perimeter fence is located at the site's eastern and northern boundaries and the site is surrounded by residential development. The Project would not substantially interfere with the movement of native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- e) The project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources (City of Sacramento 1988).
- f) The Project site is not included in any conservation plans. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

None required.

5.	CUI	LTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?				\boxtimes
	b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?		\boxtimes		
	c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				\boxtimes
	d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?		\boxtimes		

Discussion

The Project would not adversely affect known cultural resources, however, it is possible unknown archaeological resources and human remains could be discovered during site grading and excavation activities. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 5 is presented below.

a) The Project site consists of a park containing two ball fields and vacant land. The site does not contain any historical resources as defined in Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

- b) There are no archaeological resources known to be present at the Project site. Portions of the site including the ball fields and parking lot have undergone limited grading and no archaeological resources were encountered during grading activities. Section 10 Preservation of the 1988 General Plan does not identify the Project site or vicinity as an area of cultural resource sensitivity. However, if a cultural resource were discovered during Project construction this would be considered a potentially significant impact. Therefore, if cultural resources were to be found, implementation of Mitigation Measure 5.1 would reduce potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. This issue will not be addressed further in the EIR.
- c) The Project site does not contain palentological resources. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- d) The Project site does not contain known human remains. While it is unlikely that human remains would be discovered during Project construction, in the event that they were uncovered, this would be considered a potentially significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 5.2 would reduce potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. This issue will not be addressed further in the EIR.

Should any cultural materials or human remains be exposed or discovered during earth moving activities, the following mitigation measures shall be implemented:

- 5.1 Operations shall stop within 25 feet of the find and a qualified professional archaeologist shall be contacted for further review and recommendations.
- 5.2 If human remains are discovered, the Sacramento County Coroner shall be notified. The Coroner would determine whether or not the remains were Native American. If the Coroner determines the remains are not subject to his authority, the Native American Heritage Commission will be notified, who would attempt to identify descendants of the deceased Native American.

6.	GEO	DLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
		i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a know fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.		\boxtimes		
		ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?		\boxtimes		

6.	GEO	DLOGY AND SOILS (cont.)	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
		iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				
		iv) Landslides?		\boxtimes		
	b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?		\boxtimes		
	c)	Be located on a geologic unit of soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?		\boxtimes		
	d)	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				
	e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				\boxtimes

Discussion

Seismic and soil conditions at the Project site will determine the design of buildings and site improvements to ensure acceptable life safety conditions at the site. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 4 is presented below.

- a) The potential for strong ground shaking at the Project site will be addressed in the EIR.
- b) Construction activities associated with the Project would cause soil disturbance at the Project site which may result in soil erosion. This is considered a potentially significant impact and will be addressed in the EIR.
- c) Soils suitability for the Project will be addressed in the EIR.
- d) Soils suitability for the Project will be addressed in the EIR.
- e) The Project will be connected to the city's sewer system. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measures will be identified in the EIR.

7.		ZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would project involve:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?		\boxtimes		
	b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?		\boxtimes		
	c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?		\boxtimes		
	d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				\boxtimes
	e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
	g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				\boxtimes
	h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				\boxtimes

Discussion

Agricultural use occurred at the Project site prior to its current use as a park and vacant land. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 7 is presented below.

- a) The Project site has previously been used for agricultural purposes. Soil may be contaminated with pesticides and herbicides from this previous agricultural use. The extent of soil contamination will be addressed in the EIR.
- b) See 7a above. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.

- c) See 7a above. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- d) The Project site is not included on the Department of Toxic Substance Control's site clean up list (DTSC 2007) as per Government Code Section 65962.5. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- e) The Project is not within two miles of a public airport and is not included in any airport land use plans. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- f) The Project is not within two miles of any private airstrips. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- g) The Project would not adversely affect any emergency response or evacuation plans. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- h) The Project would not result in the exposure of people or structures to significant risk due to wildland fires. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation Measures will be identified in the EIR.

8.	HY	DROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the ect:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?		\boxtimes		
	b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted?)				
	c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner, which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?		\boxtimes		
	d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner, which would result in flooding on- or off-site?		\boxtimes		

8.	НҮ	DROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY (cont.)	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	ı	\boxtimes	П	П
	f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?		\boxtimes		
	g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				\boxtimes
	h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?		\boxtimes		
	i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				
	j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				\boxtimes
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of each environmental topic included under Section 8 is presented below.

- The Project's affects on water quality standards will be addressed in the EIR. a)
- While the Project would not use wells to supply water to the project, it would increase impervious b) surface area at the site which could affect groundwater recharge. The potential effects on groundwater supplies and recharge will be addressed in the EIR.
- Project development would result in soil disturbance and would alter existing drainage patterns onsite and would increase storm water runoff. The potential for increased erosion and siltation will be addressed in the EIR.
- d) The potential for flooding on and off-site as a result of Project development will be addressed in the EIR.
- Potential impacts associated with stormwater runoff as a result of the Project will be addressed in the EIR.
- f) Potential impacts to water quality will be addressed in the EIR.
- The Project does not include housing. Flood hazard issues will be addressed in the EIR. g)

- h) Flood hazard issues will be addressed in the EIR.
- i) The Havenside Canal is located adjacent to and east of the Project site. Potential flooding issues associated with the breach or failure of the canal will be addressed in the EIR.
- j) See 8g-i above. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation measures will be identified in the EIR.

9.	LAN	D USE PLANNING. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
	b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?		\boxtimes		
	c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				\boxtimes

Discussion

The Project may result in adverse land use impacts. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 9 is presented below.

- a) The Project would not physically divide the existing neighborhood. The development of a school, public library and joint use school and city park would provide community services that are centrally located for neighborhood residents. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- b) The Project would locate multiple uses (high school, library, park) at the site which would significantly intensify use of the site. This could result in land use conflicts. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- c) The Project would not conflict with any applicable habitat conservation or natural community conservation plans. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measures will be identified in the EIR.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact			
10.	MI	NERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:		•	•	•			
	a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				\boxtimes			
	b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				\boxtimes			
Dis	cussi	ion							
		oosed Project would not affect mineral resources. A luded under Section 10 is presented below.	A brief discu	assion of each	n environme	ental			
a)	The Project site is designated Low Density Residential by the General Plan (City of Sacramento 1988). Project development would not adversely affect any mineral resources of value to the state and region. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.								
b)		10a above. The Project would not adversely affects issue will not be addressed in the EIR.	any locally	-important m	ineral resou	rces.			
Mit	igatio	on Measures							
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		quired.							
11	NO	•	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>			
11.		ISE. Would the project result in:	Significant	Significant Unless Mitigation	Significant				
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11.		ISE. Would the project result in: Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan, specific plan, noise ordinance or applicable	Significant	Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Significant				
11.	a)	ISE. Would the project result in: Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan, specific plan, noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies? Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive	Significant	Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Significant				
11.	a) b)	ISE. Would the project result in: Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan, specific plan, noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies? Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing	Significant	Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Significant				

11.	NOISE (cont.)		Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes

Discussion

Project construction activities could result in substantial temporary noise increases. The Project would intensify use at the site which may cause a substantial increase in the ambient noise levels at the site. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 11 is presented below.

- a) During Project construction activities, adjacent residential properties could be exposed to noticeable increases in noise. This is considered a potentially significant temporary noise impact. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- b) Depending on the type of construction equipment used, there could be excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels during some construction activities. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- c) Development of the site with a high school, public library and park would intensify use of the site which may result in a substantial permanent increase in noise at the Project site. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- d) Project construction activities would temporarily increase the noise level at the Project site. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- e) The Project site is not within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- f) The Project site is not within the vicinity of any private airstrips. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measures will be identified in the EIR.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
12.	POI	PULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:				
	a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and business) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				\boxtimes
	b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes
	c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes
Dis	cussi	on				
		osed Project would not adversely affect population tental topic included under Section 12 is presented		ng. A brief di	scussion of	each
a)	The Project would provide school, library and park service to support existing and future demand for these services in the Pocket Community Plan Area. The Project would not induce substantial population growth. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.					
b)		Project site contains a city park and vacant land. It is issue will not be addressed in the EIR.	t would not	t displace any	existing ho	using.
c)	See	12b above.				
Mit	igatio	on Measures				
Nor	ne req	uired.				
13.	subs prov need the c	BLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in tantial adverse physical impacts associated with the ision of new or physically altered government facilities, for new or physically altered governmental facilities, construction of which could cause significant ronmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable ce ratios, response times or other performance	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	obje	ctives for any of the public services: Fire protection?		\bowtie		
	a) b)	Police protection?		\boxtimes		
	c)	Schools?				
	d)	Parks?				
	e)	Other public facilities?				\boxtimes

Discussion

The Project would require police and fire protection service. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 13 is presented below.

- a) The proposed Project would increase demand for police protection services in the neighborhood. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- b) The proposed Project would increase demand for fire protection services in the neighborhood. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- c) The Project would provide a new high school to serve students residing in the District. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- d) The Project would provide an improved park for high school and community use at the site. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- e) The Project would provide a new library to serve the neighborhood. The Project would not adversely affect other public facilities. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measures will be identified in the EIR.

14.	REG	CREATION. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				\boxtimes
	b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?		\boxtimes		

Discussion

The proposed Project would not adversely affect recreational opportunities. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 14 is presented below.

- a) The Project would improve an existing park for use by the high school and existing neighborhood. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- b) The Project would upgrade an existing park. Potential environmental effects associated with the upgrade of the park such as land use conflicts with adjacent residences, noise, light and glare and

traffic will be addressed in the Aesthetics and Visual Resources, Planning and Land Use, Noise and Traffic and Circulation sections of the EIR.

Mitigation Measures

None required.

15.		ANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION. Would the posal result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Cause an increase in traffic, which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle traps, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections?		\boxtimes		
	b)	Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?		\boxtimes		
	c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				\boxtimes
	d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
	e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?		\boxtimes		
	f)	Result in inadequate parking capacity?		\boxtimes		
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The proposed Project would increase traffic at the Project site. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 15 is presented below.

- a) The Project would result in an increase in traffic at the site. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- b) The Project may affect either individually or cumulatively the level of service standard for nearby intersections. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
- c) The Project would not affect air traffic patterns. This issue will not be addressed in the EIR.
- d) Potential safety hazards associated with the Project site plan pertaining to access and circulation will be addressed in the EIR.
- e) The adequacy of emergency access at the Project site will be addressed in the EIR.

f) The adequacy of parking provided by the Project will be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measures will be identified in the EIR.

16.	UT I	ILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the ect:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?		\boxtimes		
	b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?		\boxtimes		
	c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?		\boxtimes		
	d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?		\boxtimes		
	e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?		\boxtimes		
	f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?		\boxtimes		
	g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?		\boxtimes		

Discussion

The proposed Project would increase demand on utilities and service systems that presently serve the Project site. A brief discussion of each environmental topic included under Section 15 is presented below.

- a) The Project would result in an increase in wastewater as a result of the increased intensity of use at the site. Project impacts on wastewater treatment requirements will be addressed in the EIR.
- b) The Project would result in an increase in water consumption and wastewater generation at the site. Potential impacts on existing water and wastewater treatment facilities will be addressed in the EIR.

- c) The Project would result in an increase in impervious surface area which would increase storm water runoff at the site. Potential impacts on storm water drainage facilities will be addressed in the EIR.
- d) The Project's effects on available water supplies will be addressed in the EIR.
- e) The Project's effects on existing capacity of wastewater treatment facilities will be addressed in the EIR.
- f) The Project would result in an increase in the generation of solid waste at the site. The capacity of the existing landfill serving the Project area will be addressed in the EIR.
- g) Project compliance with federal, state and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste will be addressed in the EIR.

Mitigation measures will be identified in the EIR.

17.	MA	NDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				\boxtimes
	b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)		\boxtimes		
	c)	Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		\boxtimes		

Discussion

The Project would result in the following potentially significant impacts: aesthetics; air quality; geology/soils; hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use/planning; noise; public services; recreation; transportation/traffic; and utilities/service systems. These environmental topics will be analyzed in the EIR.

This Initial Study identified the following environmental topics which would have no impacts: agricultural resources. biological resources, mineral resources, and population/housing; or less-than-significant impacts with mitigation: cultural resources. These environmental topics will not be addressed in the EIR.

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